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PREFACE.

Some years ago the pre-mutiny records of the Bengal Secretariat and the Board of Revenue were brought together to form the Historical Record Room. The process of repairing, sorting and classifying these records has been going on since then and still continues, for they include over 10,000 bundles and 11,300 volumes. The present volume is a brief or abstract statement of these records grouped under the departments and authorities to which they belong. It is a catalogue not a descriptive handbook. Its purpose is not only to facilitate the use of the record room for administrative purposes but also to indicate in outline to historical students the wealth of material on which research may be undertaken. The rules regulating access to the records are printed at the end of this volume, where will be found also a list of the publications issued by the Bengal Historical Record Room.

Calcutta,

1922.

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SECTION I.

THE DEPARTMENTS

OF

GOVERNMENT.

THE PRESIDENT AND COUNCIL.

The Select Committee.

1756—1762.

After the capture of Fort William in 1756, the President and Council formed a Secret Committee of four members in August of that year to carry on the administration. Orders came in December 1756 from the Court of Directors appointing a Select Committee consisting of the President and three members of Council. The existing Committee was reconstituted accordingly. It appears to have ceased to exist as a separate body in December 1762. The oldest record in the possession of the Bengal Government relates to this body, viz.:—

Proceedings (incomplete), 4 Jan. 1758—7 Nov. 1758	1 vol.	1 $\frac{WA}{1}$

Secret Department.

1763 onwards.

On the 8th December 1763 the Council divided its business into two departments, Public and Secret, the records being kept separately. The Public Department dealt with shipping, revenues, fortifications, accounts, appointments, etc., the Secret Department with military plans and operations and transactions with the "Country Government." The records of both these Departments are with the Government of India. The Secret Department ceased to exist in May 1765 when, in obedience to the orders of the Court of Directors, Lord Clive replaced it by a Select Committee. It was reconstituted on the 22nd August 1768.

The Select Committee.

1765—1774.

As mentioned above it was formed in May 1765. In December 1766, it defined its special sphere as including all political and military matters and the collection of the revenues arising from the *Diwani*, the Council as a body dealing with trade affairs and the management of the Company's own lands and the assigned districts of Burdwan, Midnapore and Chittagong. It appears to have ceased in October 1774 when the Governor-General in

Council appointed by the Act of 1773 arrived and assumed control. Records relating to the following periods are in the Bengal Historical Record Room :—

Proceedings, 9 Jan.—31 Dec. 1766	...	1 vol.	1 $\frac{WA}{1}$
Letter copy book, 5 Jan.—29 Dec. 1767	...	1 vol.	
Proceedings, 28 Jan.—19 July 1770	...	1 vol.	
Proceedings, 9 Aug.—29 Dec. 1770	...	1 vol.	

The proceedings of the Select Committee from January to November 1758 have been printed *in extenso* by the Bengal Government and a calendar has also been published of the proceedings of the Select Committee for 1758, 1766, 1767 and 1770. The records of the above authorities in this office are fragmentary. The Imperial Record Department has more complete records for this period. For the India Office records on the subject, reference should be made to Mr. Foster's 'Guide to the India Office records 1600-1858', pages 40-42. Most of the early records in the custody of the Bengal Government relate to the Revenue and Judicial administration.

The Comptrolling Committee of Revenue.

1771—1772.

This was formed at Calcutta under orders from the Court of Directors and consisted of the President and four members. It performed the functions of Government in the Revenue Department. It was subsequently decided that the Board (*i. e.*, the President and Council) should form itself into a Council of Revenue. This Council sat from 13th October 1772, superseding the Comptrolling Committee. The records of the Comptrolling Committee consist of—

Original consultations, 1 Apr. 1771—10 Oct. 1772	... ...	5 bundles	1 $\frac{A}{1A}$, 6 $\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Proceedings, 1 Apr. 1771—10 Oct. 1772	...	3 vols.	1 $\frac{WA}{1}$
Index to the proceedings, 1 Apr. 1771—10 Oct. 1772	... ...	1 vol.	1 $\frac{WF}{3}$
This volume also contains the index to the proceedings of the Revenue Board of the whole Council, 13 Oct.—30 Dec. 1772.			
Original consultations of the enquiry held into the complaints of the Dowager Rani of Burdwan against her Diwan, Braja Kishor Roy, 1 July—12 Aug. 1771	... ...	1 bundle	1 $\frac{A}{1A}$

Separate proceedings, 1 July—12 Aug. 1771, relating to the same subject	1 vol.	1 $\frac{WA}{1}$

The records of the Comptrolling Committee have been abstracted in Press List, Series I, Vol. I (Calcutta, 1915).

The Committee of Circuit.

1772—1773.

In 1771 the Directors decided that the Company should " stand forth as Diwan." So the Governor, Warren Hastings, formed a Committee of the Board, consisting of himself and four members, to settle the land revenue of the various districts on the spot. This Committee existed from 14 May 1772 to February 1773. Its records are–

Original consultations (incomplete) relating to the following places and periods ...	2 bundles	1 $\frac{A}{1A}$, 6 $\frac{33}{A2, B2}$

(*a*) Krishnagar ... 10—28 June 1772.

(*b*) Kasimbazar ... 7 July—17 Sep. 1772, with appendices.

(*c*) Dacca ... 3 Oct.—28 Nov. 1772.

(*d*) Rangpur ... 16—30 Dec. 1772, with appendices.

(*e*) Dinajpur ... 2—26 Jan. 1773.

(*f*) Purnea ... 2—9 Feb. 1773.

(*g*) Rajmahal ... 15—18 Feb. 1773.

Proceedings relating to the above places and periods, except for Rajmahal, the volume for which is missing	7 vols.	1 $\frac{WA}{1}$

Appendices to the proceedings—

Kasimbazar	1 vol.
Rangpur	1 vol.

There is no original index to the proceedings volumes. An abstract of them with an index has been printed in Press List, Series I, Vol. II (Calcutta, 1916).

The President and Council of Revenue or the Revenue Board consisting of the whole Council.

1772—1774.

It succeeded the Comptrolling Committee and began its sittings on 13 October 1772. Its functions as Government in the Revenue Department were continued from 1775 by the Governor-General and Council, Revenue Department, the change being one of designation only, due to the appointment of a Governor-General and Council under the India Act of 1773. Its records are—

Original consultations, 13 Oct. 1772—31 Dec. 1774	25 bundles	$1 \frac{A}{1A}, 6 \frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Appendices (incomplete) to consultations, 18 Jan.—30 Dec. 1774	1 bundle	
Proceedings, Oct. 1772—Dec. 1774 ...	14 vols.	$1 \frac{WA}{1}$
Appendices to proceedings, 18 Jan.—30 Dec. 1774	2 vols.	
Index to the proceedings, 1772—1776 ...	1 vol.	$1 \frac{WF}{3}$
(This volume also contains an index to the Revenue proceedings of the Governor-General in Council for 1775—1776.)		
Duplicate index vols. 1773—1774 ...	4 vols.	
Original notes of the Board's proceedings, 1773—1774	1 vol.	$1 \frac{WA}{1}$
An abstract of the proceedings of the Revenue Board has been published in Press List, Series I, Volume III (Calcutta, 1915).		

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Governor-General in Council.

1775—1815.

The Governor-General in Council constituted by the India Act of 1773 continued to transact revenue affairs in a Revenue Department. Matters respecting the administration of justice were also dealt with in this Department. From 1790, a separate branch for judicial matters was started and from May 1793 a distinct Judicial Department was formed and the

proceedings recorded separately (*see* Judicial Department page 13). From 1790 proceedings relating to Salt, Opium and Customs were recorded in a separate Revenue series up to 1793. Salt, Opium and Customs being transferred to the Board of Trade from the Board of Revenue in 1793, the proceedings of Government on these subjects were from that date recorded in the Public (or General) Department, to which the Board of Trade was subordinate. The records of this "Separate Revenue" series are with the Government of India. In May 1809 "Customs" was restored to the Board of Revenue and again comes into the Revenue Consultations. "Sayer" was dealt with in a separate series, the earliest extant proceedings being those of August 1790 and the series continuing up to July 1805. The proceedings relating to the following subjects were also kept distinct from the main revenue series, *viz.*, "Wards" (August 1790—May 1805); "Grain" (October 1794—October 1803); and "Mint" (January 1795—July 1805). From 1805 all subjects are combined in one general series. In November 1815 the Territorial Department was formed and revenue affairs were dealt with in the Territorial—Revenue Department (*see* page 8).

The Revenue records of the Supreme Government for the period 1775 to 1815 are as follows :—

Original consultations, 6 Jan. 1775—24 Nov. 1815	455 bundles	$1\frac{A}{A, 2-7}$, $1\frac{A}{B, 1-7}$, $1\frac{B}{A, 1-3}$, $1\frac{B}{B, 1-2}$, $6\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
O. C. No. 1 of 18 Sep. 1789	1 vol.	$1\frac{WB}{1}$
Enclosure to O. C. No. 31 of 20 Feb. 1813 ...	1 vol.	$1\frac{WB}{2}$
Proceedings, 6 Jan. 1775—28 Nov. 1815 ... 1 Mar. to 19 Apr. 1804 missing.	586 vols.	$1\frac{WA \text{ to } WD}{1-3}$
Appendix to proceedings of 29 Apr. 1791 ...	1 vol.	$1\frac{WD}{3}$
Copies of missing proceedings obtained from the India Office for the periods Jan.—Apr. 1776 (with appendices and index for Jan. —Mar. 1776); Sep. 1777; Jan.— Sep. 1781; and for 1815	6 vols.	$2\frac{WB}{4}$
Index to the proceedings, 1775—1815 ...	96 vols.	$1\frac{WF, WH}{5}$, $1\frac{WG, WI}{4}$

(These include several duplicate volumes.)

Diary 1786	... ...	1 vol.	1 $\frac{WL}{4}$

The last vol. of proceedings also contains those of the Territorial Dept., 28 Nov. 1815.

The proceedings volumes for the following periods are missing.—Vol. 12—Jan.—Apr. 1776, Vol. 31—Sep. 1777, Vols. 61—64, Jan.—Sep. 1781, Vol. 122—May—Dec. 1788, and copies have been obtained from the India Office except for May—Dec. 1788.

Vols. 188—193 (Feb. 1790) and Vols. 201—204 (May 1790) contain the proceedings relating to the Decennial Settlement of Bengal.

An abstract (with an index) of the Revenue proceedings of the Governor-General in Council from 1775 to Dec. 1776 has been published in Press List, Series I, Vols. IV and V (Calcutta, 1917, 1918).

The transactions of the Revenue Department recorded in separate series are as follows. The index to them is to be found in the index volumes of the main revenue series.

Revenue—Sayer.

1790—1805.

Original consultations, 6 Aug. 1790—25 July 1805	... ...	7 bundles	1 $\frac{D}{6B}$, 6 $\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Proceedings, 6 Aug. 1790—25 July 1805	...	16 vols.	1 $\frac{WM}{3}$, 1 $\frac{WN}{4}$

Revenue—Wards.

1790—1805.

Original consultations, 20 Aug. 1790—23 May 1805	... ...	3 bundles	1 $\frac{D}{6B}$
Proceedings, 20 Aug. 1790—23 May 1805	...	6 vols.	1 $\frac{WN}{4}$

Revenue—Grain.

1794—1803.

Original consultations, 31 Oct. 1794—28 Oct. 1803	... ...	3 bundles	1 $\frac{D}{6B}$, 6 $\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Proceedings, 31 Oct. 1794—30 Sep. 1802	...	9 vols.	1 $\frac{WN}{4}$

For original consultations from 31 Oct. 1794—16 Oct. 1795, *see also* Board of Revenue, Grain (page 54).

Revenue—Mint.

1795—1805.

These records were transferred to the Master of the Mint, Calcutta, in 1905.

Revenue—Khalsa.

1776—1779.

Original consultations dealing with the reports of the Superintendent of the Khalsa Records, 2 Oct. 1776—13 May 1778 ...	1 bundle	$1\frac{D}{6B}$
Proceedings, 2 Oct. 1776—28 Dec. 1779 ...	4 vols.	$1\frac{WN}{4}$

NOTE.—For the Khalsa and the proceedings of the Superintendent of the Khalsa Records, *see* pages 75, 76.

Revenue Proceedings.

1772—1776.

Extracts	2 vols.	$1\frac{WI}{3}$

These volumes contain extracts or copies of the proceedings of the Comptrolling Committee of Revenue, the President and Council of Revenue, and the Governor-General in Council under certain headings arranged alphabetically, *e.g.*, adawlats, bank, Collector of Calcutta and 24-Parganas, Collecting revenues, Customs, Khalsa, law courts, letting lands, marine, opium, police, Provincial Councils, Salt, etc. Vol. 2 is apparently incomplete as it is not continued beyond the letter "S."

REVENUE DEPARTMENT, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA.

Correspondence with the Tea Committee.

1839-1840.

These papers were transferred to the Government of Bengal with the following letter of 9th November 1840, from the Revenue Department of the Government of India :—

"I am directed to transmit to you for submission to the Right Hon'ble the Governor of Bengal, the accompanying copy of a resolution recorded under this date, together with the original papers specified in the list annexed to the resolution."

Resolution dated 9th November 1840.

"By a proclamation of the Hon'ble the President in Council in the Political Department dated the 31st July 1839, the Revenue and Judicial administration of Upper Assam was made over to the Government of Bengal, the only portion excepted at that period being the Government Tea Tracts within that province. This exception has however since been done away and all references connected with the Tea Tracts in Assam will therefore in future be made to the Government of Bengal to enable that Government to reply to them with readiness, it is deemed necessary that the correspondence connected with the subject heretofore held between the Government of India and the Tea Committee should be in the possession of the Government of Bengal.

"Resolved accordingly that the papers recorded on the consultations of the proceedings of the Government of India of the dates and numbers specified in the annexed list be transferred to the office of the Secretary to the Government of Bengal, Revenue Department, with an intimation that they need neither be incorporated in the consultations of the Department nor reported from it to the Hon'ble the Court of Directors ; both having been already done from this office."

Here follows a list of consultations from 7 January 1839 to 8 June 1840.

The papers consist of letters, drafts and copies of letters received and issued by Govt.	2 bundles	1 $\frac{D}{2B}$

There are also a few papers of 1837.

(For the "Tea Committee" and the proceedings of that body, *see* page 83).

TERRITORIAL DEPARTMENT.

Revenue.

1815—1834.

Owing to the increase of the work in the Revenue and Judicial Departments, one Secretary was no longer able to continue in charge of both. So it was decided (Public consultation 25 Nov. 1815) to have one Secretary for the Judicial Department only and to group the Departments of Revenue, Financial and Separate (*i.e.*, Salt and Opium) into one Department, called the Territorial Department. "This designation was due to the fact that the India Act of 1813 had laid down strict rules regarding the application of the Indian Territorial Revenues, and under these, the amount which might be expended from those revenues in any one year for commercial purposes had been limited to a sum equal to the expenditure from home funds during the preceding year for purposes recognized as territorial charges ; and the new arrangement was recommended on the ground that by its means, all the correspondence about territorial receipts and expenditure would be conducted in one branch of the Secretariat."

(Foster, A Guide to the India Office Records, 1600—1858, p. 55.).

The Revenue Consultations are henceforth styled "Territorial—Revenue," the other two branches being called "Territorial—Financial" and "Territorial—Separate (Salt and Opium)." On the 13th April 1830 it was resolved to place the Judicial and Revenue Departments again under one Secretary and to place the Territorial—Financial Department under the Secretary to the General Department. This arrangement appears to have been given effect to in November 1834 when the Presidency of Fort William was constituted under the Governor-General acting as Governor. The Territorial Department thus came to an end and its component parts were known henceforth as "Revenue," "Financial" and "Separate" Departments. The records of the Territorial Revenue Dept. are :—

Original consultations, 28 Nov. 1815—10 Nov. 1834	284 bundles	$1\frac{B}{A, 3\text{-}7}$, $1\frac{B}{B, 3\text{-}7}$, $1\frac{C}{A1, B1}$, $6\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Proceedings, Dec. 1815—10 Nov. 1834 ...	307 vols. ...	$1\frac{WD}{3}$, $1\frac{WE,}{1, 2}$
Original consultation No. 115 of 19 Oct. 1826	1 vol. ...	$1\frac{WE}{2}$

This is a memorandum by Mr Holt Mackenzie, Secretary to Govt., regarding the settlement for 1826 under Regulation VII of 1822 of the Western and Central Provinces and the district of Cuttack, with notes in the margin by J. H. Harrington.

Index to the proceedings, 1816—1834 ...	20 vols. ...	$1\frac{W\,I,\ W\,J}{4}$
Extracts of the Revenue Department from the various proceedings, etc., etc., relating to Revenue matters, 1818—1822, with a table of contents	1 vol. ...	$1\frac{WE}{2}$

Some of the extracts are printed.

Copy of missing proceedings for Sep. 1833 and Apr. 1834 obtained from the India Office	2 vols. ...	$2\frac{WB}{4}$
List of papers received and how disposed of 1830—1832	1 vol. ...	$1\frac{WL}{4}$

It also contains a list of similar papers of the Revenue Dept. for 1840 called Register of Government orders.

Draft orders, 1816—1818	6 bundles	$2\frac{E}{A5}$

These are drafts of letters issued by the Secretary to the Government to various officers in Bengal, Behar and Benares, Ceded and Conquered Provinces and Cuttack chiefly relating to appointments, payments and customs from January 1816 to December 1818.

The last vol. of proceedings of the Governor-General in Council and the first vol. of those of the Governor of Bengal also contain the proceedings of the Dept. for 28 Nov. 1815 and 10 Nov. 1834, respectively.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

Governor of Bengal.

1834—1854.

Under the Charter Act of 1833 which came into force in 1834, the Governor-General of Bengal became the Governor-General of India. The Bengal Presidency was divided into the Presidency of Fort William and the Presidency of Agra; and the Governor-General and his Council acted as the Governor of Fort William. Henceforth the proceedings of the Government of India are distinct from those of the Government of Bengal. From 1 May 1828 a separate series of proceedings called "Miscellaneous Revenue" had been kept, dealing with irrigation, roads, bridges, abkari, etc. (*see* page 12). This ceased in June 1841 and these subjects were treated in the general "Revenue" series up to the end of 1852. A separate series of "Miscellaneous Revenue" was started in January 1853 (*see* page 12). On 1 May 1843 the Secretariat of the Government of India was completely separated from that of Bengal, but this did not affect the keeping of the proceedings.

The following are the records of the Presidency of Fort William, Revenue Department, during this period :—

Original consultations, 24 Nov. 1834—29 Apr. 1854	301 bundles	$1\frac{C}{B, 1\text{-}7}$, $1\frac{C}{A, 2\text{-}7}$, $1\frac{D}{1A}$, $6\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Proceedings, 10 Nov. 1834—30 Mar. 1854 ...	278 vols. ...	$1\frac{WH}{1, 2}$, $1\frac{WI}{1}$, $1\frac{WE}{2, 3}$, $1\frac{WF}{1, 2}$, $1\frac{WG}{1\text{—}3}$
Copies of missing proceedings obtained from the India Office for Oct. 1847—July 1848 (*see* p. 13).		
Index to the proceedings, 1835—1853 ...	20 vols. ...	$1\frac{WJ}{4}$, $1\frac{WK}{3}$.
Diary, 1845	1 vol. ...	$1\frac{WL}{4}$
The first vol. of proceedings also contains those of the Territorial Dep., 10 Nov. 1834 ...	...	...

Revenue Department.

Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal.

1854—1858.

The India Act of 1853 placed the Province of Bengal in charge of a Lieutenant-Governor: the change took place on 1 May 1854, but did not affect the existing series of proceedings. The main Revenue records of this period are—

Original consultations, 4 May 1854—30 Dec. 1858	54 bundles	$1\frac{D}{A, 1\text{-}2}$, $1\frac{D}{B, 1}$, $6\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Proceedings, 6 Apr. 1854—June 1858 ...	21 vols. ...	$1\frac{WI}{1, 2}$
July—Dec. 1858 missing.		
Index to the proceedings, 1854—1858 ...	5 vols. ...	$1\frac{WK}{3}$
Abstract of Revenue Department proceedings, 2 Jan.—28 Dec. 1857	1 vol. ...	$1\frac{WI}{2}$
Diary, 1856—1858	3 vols. ...	$1\frac{WL}{4}$
The first vol. of proceedings also contains those of the Governor of Bengal, 6—29 Apr. 1854.		

Separate Revenue Department.

1834—1852.

Salt and Opium are the main subjects of this department. Up to 1793 they were within the sphere of the Board of Revenue and the Revenue Department. In that year they were transferred to the Board of Trade and consequently were dealt with in the Secretariat by the Public Department to which the Board of Trade was subordinate. This arrangement continued to November 1815, when the subjects were assigned to the Territorial—Separate Department. On the abolition of this department the proceedings were known simply as "Separate," and on the appointment of a Governor of Bengal in November 1834, the Bengal transactions relating to these subjects were recorded separately from those of the Government of India. From January 1853 the proceedings on these subjects ceased to be recorded in a distinct series; they were absorbed in the "Miscellaneous Revenue" series. The records of

the department up to November 1834 are not with the Government of Bengal, but in the Imperial Record Department. The Bengal records are—

Original consultations (Governor of Bengal), 21 Nov. 1834—30 Dec. 1852	100 bundles	$1\frac{D}{A, 4\text{-}6}$, $1\frac{D}{B, 4\text{-}6}$
Proceedings, 21 Nov. 1834—30 Dec. 1852 ...	49 vols. ...	$1\frac{WP}{1\text{—}3}$
Index to the proceedings, 1834—1852, arranged under the heads of Customs, Salt, Opium, Stamps and Abkari	17 vols. ...	$1\frac{WL}{4}$

Miscellaneous Revenue Department.

1828—1841 and 1853—1858.

On the 1st May 1828 it was decided to maintain in the Territorial Department a separate set of proceedings called "Miscellaneous Revenue," dealing with canals, embankments, roads and bridges, buildings, abkari, house tax, pilgrim tax, pensions, wards, etc. This continued till June 1841. After that date these subjects are dealt with in the main "Revenue" proceedings. But in January 1853 a series of "Miscellaneous Revenue" proceedings was started again. This included the subjects Salt and Opium which had up to that time been treated in the "Separate" Department, the "Separate" consultations thus coming to an end.

The "Miscellaneous Revenue" records consist of—

Original consultations (Governor-General), 1 May 1828—10 Nov. 1834	18 bundles	$1\frac{D}{A2, B2}$ $6\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Original consultations (Governor of Bengal), 24 Nov. 1834—29 June 1841 and from 6 Jan. 1853—29 Apr. 1854 ...	37 bundles	$1\frac{D}{B3, A3}$
Original consultations (Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal), 4 May 1854—30 Dec. 1858 ...	35 bundles	$1\frac{D}{A, 3\text{-}4}$, $1\frac{D}{B, 3}$, $6\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Proceedings (Governor-General), 1 May 1828—Dec. 1834	31 vols. ...	$1\frac{WO}{1\text{—}2}$
Proceedings (Governor of Bengal), 6 Jan. 1835 to 29 June 1841 and Jan. 1853—June 1854	25 vols. ...	$1\frac{WO}{2\text{—}3}$

Copies of missing proceedings, Aug.—Dec. 1837, obtained from the India Office. With these are bound copies of missing proceedings of the Revenue Department, Oct. 1847—July 1848	1 vol. ...	2 WB/4
Proceedings (Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal), July 1854—June 1858	14 vols. ..	1 WO/3
The proceedings volumes for Jan.—Apr. 1858, July—Dec. 1858 are missing.		
Index to the proceedings from 1829—1841 ...	12 vols. ...	1 WL/4
and 1853—1858 ...	6 vols.	
Index for 1839 and 1840 not available ...		
Diary, 1856-57	1 vol. ...	1 WL/4

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

At first the judicial affairs of Government were dealt with in the Revenue Department of the Governor-General in Council. A separate branch of that Department was subsequently formed to deal with judicial matters, the first existing proceedings dating from the 6th August 1790. This arrangement continued till the end of April 1793. The records are—

Revenue (Judicial) Department.

1790—1793.

Original consultations, 6th Aug. 1790—26 Apr. 1793	15 bundles	1 E/A1, B1, 6 33/A2, B2
Proceedings for the same period ...	28 vols. ...	2 WB/3
Copies of missing proceedings obtained from the India Office, Oct.—Dec. 1791 ...	1 vol. ...	2 WB/4
Index to proceedings, Jan.—Apr. 1793 ...	1 vol. ...	1 WO/4

Judicial Department.

1793—1815.

By a resolution dated 26th April 1793 a separate Judicial Department was established from 1st May 1793. Two separate sets of proceedings were opened, one for civil justice and the other for criminal justice (including police). These continued till 1815. The records for this period are—

Judicial (Civil.)

1793—1815.

Original consultations, 3 May 1793— 29 Dec. 1815	82 bundles	$2\frac{A}{A, 7}$, $2\frac{A}{B, 6\text{-}7}$, $2\frac{B}{1A, 1B}$ $6\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Proceedings for the same period, except for Apr.—July 1806 and Aug. 1812 which are missing	246 vols.	$2\frac{WE}{1—2}$
Copies of missing proceedings for May 1806, July 1806, Aug. 1812 and June 1818 obtained from the India Office ...	2 vols.	$2\frac{WB}{4}$
Judicial Department—Draft orders. Contains draft orders issued by the Judicial Department, Civil and Criminal, on various dates from Jan. 1796—Apr. 1813	1 bundle	$2\frac{E}{5A}$

Judicial (Criminal.)

1793—1815.

Original consultations 3 May 1793—29 Dec. 1815	129 bundles	$2\frac{B}{A, 4\text{-}7}$, $2\frac{B}{B, 4\text{-}6}$ $6\frac{33}{2A, 2B}$
Original drafts of body sheets, 7 June—6 Dec. 1793	1 vol.	$2\frac{WD}{4}$
Proceedings, 3 May 1793—29 Dec. 1815 ...	355 vols.	$2\frac{WE}{2—4}$, $2\frac{WA}{4}$, $2\frac{WF}{1—2}$, $2\frac{WG}{1—3}$, $2\frac{WH}{1—2}$, $2\frac{WI}{1—2}$

Index to Civil and Criminal proceedings—

Index, May—Dec. 1793 ...	Civil ... and	1 vol.	$1\frac{WO}{4}$
Index, 1794—1815 ...	Criminal ...	52 vols.	$1\frac{WO}{4}$, $1\frac{WP}{4}$

Index to Civil proceedings, 1815	...	1 vol.	1 WP/4
Index to Criminal proceedings, 1815	...	1 vol.	

The index to the Revenue proceedings has been bound along with the Judicial index volumes for the following dates :—

Volume	14—1798-99	Volume	42—1810
,,	23—1802	,,	45—1811
,,	28—1803	,,	51—1814
,,	34—1806	,,	55—1815

Judicial Department.

1816—1834.

From 1816 separate proceedings for the "Lower Provinces" and "Western Provinces" were kept under both heads "Civil" and "Criminal" till 1834. These records are :—

Judicial, Civil—Lower Provinces.

1816—1834.

Original consultations, 5 Jan. 1816—10 Nov. 1834	... ...	76 bundles	2 B/B 1—2, A 2—3, 6 33/A2, B2
Proceedings, 5 Jan. 1816—31 Dec. 1834.	...	90 vols.	2 WE/2

May 1818, missing : copies of missing proceedings for June 1818 obtained from the India Office and bound with other similar proceedings (*see* page 14).

Judicial, Criminal—Lower Provinces.

1816—1834.

Original consultations, 5 Jan. 1816—27 Oct. 1834	... ...	165 bundles	2 B/A 7, B 7, 2 C/A 1—4, B 1—3, 6 33/A2, B2

Proceedings, 5 Jan. 1816—24 Nov. 1834 ...	244 vols.	2 WI/2—3, 2 WJ/1—3,
Jan.—Feb. 1831 missing		2 WK/1—2, 2 WL/1—2
Copies of missing proceedings for Jan. 1811, Apr. 1817, July 1817, Apr. 1819 and July 1824 obtained from the India Office, the original proceedings for July 1824, since received from the I. R. D.	3 vols.	2 WB/4
Index to Civil and Criminal proceedings for 1816—1834 (except 1817, 1819, 1832) ...	20 vols.	1 WP/4, 2 WF/3, 2 WJ/4
Index, Civil and Criminal, for both Lower and Western Provinces, 1816—1828 and 1830—1833	28 vols.	1 WP/4, 2 WF/3, 2 WG/4

Judicial, Civil and Criminal—Western Provinces.

1816—1834.

Draft orders, 1823—1828 (Civil) ...	2 bundles.	2 F/7A
Draft orders, 1823—1828 (Criminal) ...	3 bundles.	

These bundles contain draft orders (also some copies of resolutions) issued by the Secretary of the Judicial Department relating to the Western Provinces. They are chronologically arranged from Jan. 1823 to Dec. 1828.

The proceedings of the Judicial Department, Western Provinces, are not in this record room, but they were transferred to the North-Western Provinces Government on 2 July 1845. There are copies of the index to the proceedings.

Index, Civil and Criminal proceedings, Western Provinces, 1816, 1820, 1822 ...	3 vols.	1 WP/4, 2 WF/3

The index for the years 1816—1828 and 1830—1833 is bound with the Lower Provinces index (*see* above).

Judicial Department.

1834—1841.

From 1834 when the separate Presidencies of Fort William and Agra were formed the "Civil" and "Criminal" consultations were recorded separately for the area under the Governor of Bengal. The Bengal records are—

Judicial (Bengal) Civil.

1834—1841.

Original consultations, 24 Nov. 1834—29 June 1841	52 bundles	$2\frac{B}{A, 3\text{-}4}$, $2\frac{B}{B, 3}$, $6\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Proceedings, 6 Jan. 1835—29 June 1841 ... 3 Apr.—22 May 1838 missing.	35 vols. ...	$2\frac{WE}{2}$
Index to proceedings, 1834—1839 ...	10 vols. ...	$2\frac{WG}{4}$, $2\frac{WH}{3}$

Judicial (Bengal) Criminal.

1834—1841.

Original consultations, 13 Nov. 1834—29 June 1841	118 bundles	$2\frac{C}{A, 4\text{-}6}$, $2\frac{C}{B, 4\text{-}6}$, $6\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Proceedings, 3 Dec. 1834—29 June 1841 ...	84 vols.	$2\frac{WL}{2\text{-}4}$, $2\frac{WM}{1\text{-}2}$
Index to proceedings, 1834—1839 ...	12 vols.	$2\frac{WF}{3}$, $2\frac{WH}{3}$

The indexes to the Civil and Criminal proceedings for 1840 and 1841 are bound together, though the indexes are separate.

Index for 1840	2 vols.	$2\frac{WH}{3}$
Index for Jan.—June 1841	2 vols.	

The index to the proceedings for July—Dec. 1841 is also bound with one of these.

Diary or Register of letters received, Jan.—Dec. 1839	1 vol.	$2\frac{WD}{4}$

Judicial Department.

1841—1858.

From 1841 the two series of "Civil" and "Criminal" are combined in one set of Judicial consultations. From May 1854 the records are those of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal who was appointed in that year.

Original consultations, 6 July 1841—29 Apr. 1854 (Governor of Bengal) ...	... 532 bundles	$1\frac{E}{B, 1\text{-}7}$, $1\frac{E}{A, 2\text{-}7}$. $1\frac{F}{A, 1\text{-}5}$, $1\frac{F}{B, 1\text{-}5}$, $6\frac{33}{A1, B1}$, $6\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Original consultations, 4 May 1854—30 Dec. 1858 (Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal)	... 478 bundles	$1\frac{F}{B, 5\text{-}7}$, $1\frac{F}{A, 6\text{-}7}$, $2\frac{A}{A, 1\text{-}6}$, $2\frac{A}{B, 1\text{-}6}$, $6\frac{33}{A2, B2}$
Proceedings, 6 July 1841—18 May 1854	... 233 vols.	$2\frac{WB}{3}$, $2\frac{WC}{1\text{-}4}$, $2\frac{WD}{1}$
Proceedings, 25 May 1854—Dec. 1857 ... Jan.—Dec. 1858 missing.	97 vols.	$2\frac{WD}{1\text{-}2}$
Index to proceedings, 1842—1858 ...	17 vols.	$2\frac{WH}{3}$, $2\frac{WI}{4}$
Index for July—Dec. 1841 bound with the index volumes, January—June 1841 (*see* page 17).		
Abstracts of proceedings, Jan. 1856—Dec. 1857	4 vols.	$2\frac{WD}{2}$
Abstracts of proceedings relating to the mutiny, 10 Aug. 1857-1858	4 vols.	
Index to mutiny proceedings, Aug.—Dec. 1857	1 vol.	$2\frac{WI}{4}$
Index to mutiny proceedings 1858 ...	2 vols.	
Diaries or registers of letters received, July—Dec. 1853, Jan.—Dec. 1856, 1857, 1858 Judicial reference diary, 1858 ...	8 vols.	$2\frac{WD}{4}$

Despatch Register, 1854 and 1858	...	2 vols.	$2\frac{\text{WD}}{2}$
Dawk Register, 1856 ...	... ...	1 vol.	
Judicial Town Registers, 1856 and 1857, *i.e.*, registers of letters issued to offices in Calcutta	...	2 vols.	

General Department.

1834—1858.

This was originally known as the Public Department, the name being changed to "General" in 1818. The Government of India possesses the records of this Department relating to Bengal up to 1834. From that year the transactions of the Government of Bengal are recorded separately from those of the Government of India. The subjects dealt with relate mainly to education, emigration, post office, medical, vaccination and political. From January 1842 to December 1852 the education consultations are separately recorded (*see* page 21), but from 1853 to July 1858 they are again included in the "General" series. Similarly the "Political" proceedings from April 1844 to December 1851 and again from January 1853—July 1858 are included in the "General" proceedings. (*see* page 22.) The Bengal records are :—

Original consultations (Governor of Bengal), 21 Nov. 1834—29 Apr. 1854 ...	...	271 bundles	$2\frac{\text{C}}{\text{B6, A7, B7}}$
			$2\frac{\text{D}}{\text{A, 1-5}}$, $2\frac{\text{D}}{\text{B, 1-5}}$,
			$6\frac{33}{\text{A 1, B 1}}$
Original consultations, (L.-G. of Bengal), 4 May 1854—30 Dec. 1858 ...	...	146 bundles	$2\frac{\text{D}}{\text{B, 5}}$, $2\frac{\text{D}}{\text{A, 6-7}}$
			$2\frac{\text{D}}{\text{B, 6-7}}$, $2\frac{\text{E}}{\text{A 1, B 1}}$
Proceedings, 21 Nov. 1834—29 Apr. 1854	...	103 vols.	$2\frac{\text{WM}}{\text{2-3}}$, $\frac{\text{WN}}{\text{1-4}}$
Proceedings, 4 May 1854—24 June 1858 Volume July—Dec. 1858 is missing.	...	47 vols.	$2\frac{\text{WO}}{\text{2-4}}$

Abstract of proceedings of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal, Jan. 1856—June 1858	5 vols.	$2\frac{WO}{2—4}$
Index to proceedings, 1834—1858 ...	24 vols.	$2\frac{W1}{4}$, $2\frac{WJ}{4}$
Town Registers, 1856 and 1857, *i.e.*, registers of letters issued to offices in Calcutta ...	2 vols.	$2\frac{WP}{3}$
Diary, *i.e.*, Register of letters received, 1856—1858	6 vols.	

Ecclesiastical Department.

1834—1858.

This Department of the Governor-General in Council dates from 1815, the Bishopric of Calcutta having been created in the previous year. The Ecclesiastical proceedings of the Bengal Government as distinct from those of the Government of India date from 1834, the records being as follows :—

Original consultations (Governor of Bengal), 21 Nov. 1834—29 Apr. 1854	31 bundles	$2\frac{E}{B1, A2}$
Original consultations (L. G. of Bengal), 4 May 1854—30 Dec. 1858	11 bundles	$2\frac{E}{A2, B2}$
Proceedings, Nov. 1834—Dec. 1854 ...	10 vols.	$2\frac{WP}{4}$
Proceedings, Jan. 1855— June 1858 ...	3 vols.	
Index to proceedings, 1834—1857 ...	9 vols.	$2\frac{WJ}{4}$
Diary or Register of letters received, 1856—1858	2 vols.	$2\frac{WP}{4}$
Despatch Register or Register of letters issued, 1856-1857	2 vols.	

Education Department.

1842—1858.

Matters relating to Education were dealt with in the Public or General Department of the Government of India from 19 January 1842 to 26 April 1843. The Bengal Education proceedings begin in May 1843. "Respecting Education, the establishments within the two divisions of the Presidency which are now carried on under the direction of the Supreme

Government, will henceforth be superintended by the Governments of Bengal and Agra, respectively; the Council of Education being placed in direct communication with the Government of Bengal, and in other respects remaining on its present footing, until further orders."—*Extract from Home Department Resolution, dated 29 April 1843.* Before that, matters relating to education seem to have been considered in the Territorial Department which in 1823 established a General Committee of Public Instruction (*see* page 88). The proceedings of the period 1853—July 1858 are included in those of the General Department. The Education records comprise :—

Original consultations (Governor-General in Council), 19 Jan. 1842—26 Apr. 1843 ...	10 bundles	2 E/2 B
These papers were transferred to Bengal by the Government of India in May 1843 when a separate series of Education proceedings for Bengal were opened. (India, General Department, O.C. 3 May 1843, No. 2).		
Original consultations (Governor of Bengal), 3 May 1843—30 Dec. 1852 ... ... (For original consultations from Oct. 1853—July 1858, *see* General Department.)	64 bundles	2 E/A, 3-4, 2 E/B, 2-3 6 33/A1, B1
Original consultations (L.-G. of Bengal), 5 Aug. 1858—30 Dec. 1858	3 bundles	2 E/4 A
Proceedings (Governor of Bengal), May 1843—Dec. 1852	27 vols.	3 WA/1
Copies of missing proceedings obtained from the India office for 1842—43	1 vol.	2 W, B/4
(For proceedings from 1853—1858, *see* General Department.)		
Abstract proceedings of the Governor of Bengal, 8 Jan. 1845—30 Dec. 1852 ...	7 vols.	3 W A/1
Index to the proceedings, Jan. 1842—1858-59	14 vols.	2 WJ/4
Register of letters issued, 1850	1 vol.	3 WA/2
Register of letters issued, 1856 and 1857 ...	2 vols.	
Diary or Register of letters received, 1856—1858	2 vols.	

Political Department.

1834—1858.

This Department of the Provincial Government dates from 1834. The proceedings are separately recorded up to March 1844. From April 1844 to July 1858 they are included in the "General" proceedings, except during 1852, for which they are recorded separately. The records are :—

Original consultations (Governor of Bengal), 21 Nov. 1834—Mar. 1844 and Jan.—Dec. 1852 ... ... (From Apr. 1844 to 1851 and from 1853—July 1858, *see* General Department.)	42 bundles.	2 $\frac{E}{A, 4\text{-}5}$, 2 $\frac{E}{4 B}$ 6 $\frac{33}{A1, B1}$
Original consultations (L.-G. of Bengal), 5 Aug. 1858—30 Dec. 1858	2 bundles	2 $\frac{E}{5A}$
Proceedings of the Governor of Bengal, 6 Apr. 1835—27 June 1835 and 26 Apr. 1843—Mar. 1844 ; Jan.—Dec. 1852 ...	3 vols.	2 $\frac{WK}{3}$
Copies of missing proceedings obtained from the India office for Nov. 1834—Dec. 1835, Jan. 1836—Dec. 1837, 1838-39 and 1841-43	3 vols.	2 $\frac{WB}{4}$
Index volumes, 1834—Mar. 1844 and 1852—1858	13 vols.	2 $\frac{WK}{3}$
(For the index to the Political proceedings Apr. 1844—1851, *see* the General Department index volumes.)		
Diary or Register of letters received, 1853-54 and 1856	2 vols.	

Financial Department.

In 1843 when the distinct office of Financial Secretary to the Government of India was formed (Resolution of the Governor-General in Council, dated 4 January 1843), the Secretary's duties were to include "the management of the details of the financial operations of Bengal." It is not clear when the Government of Bengal began to record its Financial proceedings separately. In the India Office copies of the records, the Financial Consultations are incorporated with those of the Revenue Department from May 1854 up to December 1858, with the exception of the period January to October 1857 for which

separate volumes exist (*see* Foster's Guide, p. 59). This is not the case in this office. The only records preserved here are :—

Original consultations, L.-G. of Bengal, 8 Jan. 1857—25 June 1857 ...	...	2 bundles	2 E/5A
Proceedings, 8 Jan.—15 Oct. 1857	...	2 vols.	3 WA/2
Abstract of proceedings, 1857—1858	...	2 vols.	
Index to proceedings, 1857 ...	...	1 vol.	
Diary, 1857	...	1 vol.	

Public Works Departments.

"The unsatisfactory working of the system for the superintendence and execution of Public Works attracted the notice of Government and early in 1850, the Honorable Court of Directors[1] ordered the assembly of a Commission at each Presidency for the purpose of enquiring into the whole subject. These instructions were carried into effect in December 1850 and the Bengal Commission submitted its report in March 1851.[2] They expressed an unanimous and strong conviction of the utter unfitness of the Military Board for the superintendence of Public Works whether Civil or Military, and suggested an entirely new scheme for the management of the department, which scheme was eventually adopted with the consent of the Honorable Court.[3]

The principal features of this scheme were :—

(1) that the control of the Department of Public Works should be taken from the Military Board and vested in Provincial Chief Engineers ;

(2) that each Provincial Government should exercise control over Public Works, Civil and Military, in its respective Province under certain limitations of power in respect to the sanction of new projects ;

(3) that the Chief Engineers should be assisted by Superintending and Executive Engineers ;

(4) that the separate office of Chief Engineer, as before constituted should be abolished."

(Report of proceedings in the Public Works Department, Government of India, during the year 1855-56 contained in the Administration Report for 1855-56.)

[1] Court's Public Letter No. 2, 30th January 1850.

[2] Bengal and North-Western Provinces Military Consultations, 27th December 1850, Nos. 149—158. Military Consultations, 29th August 1851, Nos. 135—149 and 163—169.

[3] Public Letter No. 25, 3rd March 1852.

On 21st April 1854 the Governor-General in the Military Department issued orders (No. 430 of 1854) establishing a new scheme for the control and management of the Department of Public Works under the Bengal Presidency with effect from 1st May 1854. "The Department of Public Works, Civil and Military, will be removed from under the superintendence of the Military Board and will be placed under the management of one officer to be designated Chief Engineer, in each of the three great divisions of the Bengal Presidency, *viz.*, the Lower Provinces; the North-Western Provinces; and the Punjab including the territories beyond the Jumna. Under each Chief Engineer will be appointed Superintending and Executive Engineers. Every official communication received by the Chief Engineers and their proceedings thereon shall be submitted to the Local Governments in the same form as the abstracts of the proceedings of the Local Governments are now reported to the Government of India. Chief Engineers will communicate with the heads of Departments, Revenue, Judicial, Marine, etc., regarding the buildings and other public works connected with each."

(Extracts from Order No. 430 of 1854.)

The proceedings of the Military Board are with the Government of India. The following records relating to the Public Works Department are in the Bengal Record Room :—

Public Works Department.

1854—1858.

Original consultations, Nov. 1854—Dec. 1858	94 bundles	2 $\frac{F}{A, 2\text{-}3}$, 2 $\frac{F}{B, 1\text{-}2}$, 6 $\frac{33}{A1, B1}$
Proceedings, Nov. 1854—Dec. 1858 ...	43 vols. (including 3 duplicates).	3 $\frac{WB}{1}$
Abstracts of proceedings, Nov. 1854—Dec. 1857	3 vols.	
Index to proceedings volumes, 1854—1858 ...	7 vols.	
Despatch book, *i.e.*, Register of letters issued, 1857-58	2 vols.	

For the proceedings and index relating to Public Works for the period May—Nov. 1854, *see* the proceedings and index of the General Department (pages 19-20).

Public Works Department—Chief Engineer, Lower Provinces.

1854—1858.

Original consultations, May 1854—Dec. 1858	107 bundles	$2\frac{F}{A, 3\text{-}5}$, $2\frac{F}{B, 3\text{-}5}$, $6\frac{33}{A1, B1}$
Abstracts of proceedings, 6 May 1854—31 Oct. 1858	18 vols. ...	$3\frac{WB}{2}$
The abstracts are of the letters received and issued, arranged in parallel columns for each week, a fresh serial number being given to each week's series.		
Diary or Register of letters received, May 1854—1858	8 vols.	
The entries are arranged under the heads of the officers or departments from whom the letters were received, and a reference is given to the proceedings in which the letters were dealt with.		
Despatch registers, or registers of letters issued, May 1854—June 1858 ...	18 vols.	
Reference Books, 1854-1858	12 vols.	
These contain lists of subjects with reference to the correspondence relating to them. The arrangement is sometimes alphabetical and sometimes not.		
Register of Civil Estimates, 1855-1856 ...	1 vol.	
Contains estimates received by the Chief Engineer from the Superintending and Executive Engineers from May 1855—May 1856 with an alphabetical index chiefly of places to which the estimates relate.		
Register of letters received from—		
the Superintending Engineer, 1st circle (1854—1858)	5 vols.	
the Superintending Engineer, 2nd circle (1854—1858)	5 vols.	
the Superintendent, Dacca and Arracan Road (1854—1857)	3 vols.	
the Superintendent of Embankments (1854—1858)	4 vols.	

NOTE.—"The 1st circle will comprise Calcutta, the 24-Parganahs, Hooghly and Burdwan; the Bengal districts south and west of the Grand Trunk Road; the charge of the 1st division, of the Grand Trunk Road itself and of the Raipore Mail Road.

The 2nd circle will comprise the 2nd division of the Grand Trunk Road as far as the Kurrumnassa; the Bengal districts north of the Trunk Road and bordering the Ganges and Burrampooter, including Assam, Sylhet and Dacca."

(Extract from Order of Governor-General in Council, Military Department No. 430 of 21st April 1854.)

Railway Department.

1845—1855.

The introduction of railways led to the establishment of this department for Bengal in 1845. From May 1855—December 1856 matters affecting railways were dealt with in the Public Works—Revenue—Department and thereafter were recorded in the Public Works general series.

Original consultations, Sep. 1845—Apr. 1855	7 bundles	$2\frac{F}{A1}$
Railway proceedings, Sep. 1845—Apr. 1855	4 vols.	$3\frac{WA}{3}$

The index to the Railway proceedings is to be found in the index volumes to the Revenue Proceedings of the Revenue Department for the period (*see* pages 10-11).

Public Works—Revenue—Department.

1855—1856.

A separate series for public works relating to the Revenue Department of Government was opened in May 1855. It dealt with collectorate buildings, canals, etc., and also with railways. From 1857 the proceedings on these subjects are included in the Public Works general series.

Original consultations, May 1855—Dec. 1856	19 bundles.	$2\frac{F}{A1, B1}$, $6\frac{33}{A1, B1}$
Proceedings, May 1855—Dec. 1856 ...	6 vols.	$3\frac{WB}{1}$
Abstracts of proceedings, May—Dec. 1855 and Jan.—Dec. 1856	2 vols.	

Public Works—Judicial—Department.

1855—1856.

This series was opened in May 1855 and the papers relate chiefly to the construction, repairs, etc. of jails, police-stations and court-houses. From

1857 proceedings on these subjects are included in the Public Works general series.

Original consultations, May 1855—Dec. 1856	9 bundles	2 $\frac{F}{B5}$
Proceedings, May 1855—Dec. 1856 ...	3 vols.	3 $\frac{WB}{2}$
Index to the proceedings for the same period	2 vols.	

Miscellaneous.

Registers of letters received, arranged according to the following departments :— Judicial Public Works, Revenue Public Works, General Public Works and Public Works, 1854—1857	3 vols.	3 $\frac{WB}{2}$

For miscellaneous papers *see* page 104.

Marine Department.

1838—1858.

Under the orders of the Court of Directors of 13th February 1838 this department was established for Bengal on 2nd May 1838. Before this date the transactions of Government regarding marine affairs were recorded in the Public (later, General) Department of the Governor-General, subject to which a Marine Board, established in 1795, controlled marine affairs; from November 1834, when "Bengal" proceedings began, Bengal Marine matters were recorded in the General Dept. proceedings (*see* page 19) till May 1838 when Marine proceedings were recorded in a distinct series. The records consist of—

Original consultations, May 1838— Dec. 1858	90 bundles	2 $\frac{F}{A, 6\text{-}7}$, 2 $\frac{F}{B, 6\text{-}7}$ 2 $\frac{F}{A1}$, 6 $\frac{33}{A1, B1}$
Proceedings, May 1838—June 1858 ...	73 vols.	3 $\frac{WA}{3}$
Index to the proceedings 1838—1858 ...	19 vols.	
"Marine Registers" for 1856 and 1857 ...	2 vols.	

These are registers of letters issued.

SECTION II.

LETTERS TO AND FROM THE COURT OF DIRECTORS.

(DESPATCHES TO AND FROM ENGLAND)

General Letters to and from the Court of Directors.

At first in the 18th century the general letters included all subjects arranged under separate heads. As matters of a political or military nature arose, they were dealt with in separate letters and thus the two series of "Public" and "Secret" letters were developed. Then in 1772 the Bengal Government started a series of Revenue letters. The Directors in a despatch, dated 21st September 1785, received in Bengal in May 1786, intimated that in future the Court's despatches would be separated into Public, Secret, Military, Revenue and Commercial and that the letters sent home were to follow the same arrangement. As new departments were formed, a corresponding series of letters was begun. From 1790, the substance of the letter under reply was entered in the margin (Public Despatch to Bengal, 5th March 1790).

In 1830 Lord Ellenborough, President of the Board of Control, directed that each Department should send general letters every quarter along with explanatory enclosures and that instead of a long letter, particular subjects admitting of distinct treatment should be dealt with in separate quarterly letters. The Directors were to observe the same rule and it was also ordered that each series of letters should be numbered. (Public Despatch to Bengal, 10th February 1830).

The series of general letters relating to the Public, Secret, Foreign, Political and Military Departments are in the Imperial Record Office.

The records preserved here are—

Letters to the Court of Directors.

1771—1858.

Revenue	30 Aug. 1771—7 Oct. 1815 ...	10 vols.	$1\frac{WJ}{1}$
	Vol. 5 covering the period 25 Nov. 1780—24 Dec. 1784 also contains a Law Department General Letter dated 1 Sep. 1781. Vol. 10 covering the period 23 Feb. 1802— 7 Oct. 1815 also contains a Political Department General Letter dated 23 Feb. 1803 and a General Letter to the Select Committee dated 9 Oct. 1812.		
"	Duplicate or incomplete volumes, 30 Aug. 1771—7 Oct. 1815 ...	19 vols.	$1\frac{WJ}{2, 3}$

Revenue	13 Jan. 1835—3 Nov. 1857 ...	20 vols.	1 WJ/1, 2
	The volume covering the period 9 Jan. 1854—8 Dec. 1855 also contains P. W. D. (Revenue) narratives for the 4th quarter of 1853; the four quarters of 1854, the 2nd quarter of 1855 and July 1855.		
,,	Duplicate or incomplete volumes, 13 Jan. 1835—5 Dec. 1851 ...	7 vols.	1 WK/1
	Abstracts of the Revenue Letters to the Court for 1771-1775 (with an index) have been published in Press List supplementary volume (Calcutta, 1918).		
	Abstracts of the 1776 letters are to be found in Press List—Series I—Vol. V (Calcutta, 1918).		
Territorial—Revenue	16 Feb. 1816—27 Oct. 1834 ...	12 vols.	1 WJ/1
	The vol. for 1834 contains three Misc. Rev. despatches dated 20 Feb.—10 March 1834.		
,,	Duplicate or incomplete volumes for the above period ...	18 vols.	1 WJ/3, WK/1
	Bound with these letters are also several letters relating to the Ceded and Conquered Provinces, Customs, etc.		
Territorial—Financial	Copies of letters of 10 Oct. and 12 and 27 Dec. 1817 ...	1 vol.	1 WJ/1
,,	Copies of letters of 13 Feb. and 4 Apr. 1818. (Received from the Imperial Record Office.) ...	1 vol.	
Separate Revenue	29 July 1835—1 Nov. 1852 ...	7 vols.	1 WP/3
,,	Duplicate or incomplete volumes, 29 July 1835—18 Dec. 1840 ...	3 vols.	
Miscellaneous Revenue	15 Feb. 1853—27 Nov. 1858 ...	2 vols.	1 WO/3
Judicial	27 Oct. 1793—30 June 1858 ...	46 vols.	2 WD/3
,,	Incomplete or duplicate volumes, 17 Oct. 1805—30 Dec. 1839 ...	21 vols.	

Judicial	General Letters, Lower Provinces and Western Provinces, Feb. 1817—Oct. 1817	1 vol.	$2\frac{\text{WD}}{4}$
Public or General	9 May 1835—20 Dec. 1856 ...	12 vols.	$2\frac{\text{WP}}{1}$
"	Incomplete or duplicate volumes, 9 May 1835—31 Dec. 1844 ...	4 vols.	
Ecclesiastical	24 Feb. 1836—20 Oct. 1851 ...	2 vols.	$2\frac{\text{WP}}{4}$
"	Incomplete or duplicate volume (with abstracts), 24 Feb. 1836 —21 Oct. 1840	1 vol.	
Marine	July 1843—Dec. 1856 ...	6 vols.	$3\frac{\text{WA}}{2}$
	These also contain letters relating to Salt, Customs, Opium, Stamps, etc.		
Railway	Sep. 1845—Apr. 1846 ; and May 1851—Nov. 1856	1 vol.	$3\frac{\text{WA}}{3}$
Public Works, Revenue	Feb.—Dec. 1856	1 vol.	$3\frac{\text{WB}}{1}$
	For the period 1853—1855, *see* Revenue Letters (page 32).		
Public Works	July 1855—Dec. 1856 ...	1 vol.	$3\frac{\text{WB}}{1}$
	It gives a narrative of P. W. proceedings from Nov. 1854 ...		
List of Despatches to England	1840—1846	2 vols.	$1\frac{\text{WK}}{2}$
	These contain lists prepared by several Govt. Depts. of despatches sent to England, together with the receipts of the Master Attendant (Port Officer) and the Chief Officers of the ships carrying the despatches.		
Drafts of forwarding letters of several departments	Jan. 1842—31 Dec. 1850 ...	1 vol.	

Letters from the Court of Directors, 1765—1854.

Revenue	7 Apr. 1773—16 June 1815 ...	5 vols.	$1\frac{WK}{2}$
,,	Duplicate or incomplete volumes, 12 Apr. 1786—16 June 1815 ...	5 vols.	$1\frac{WL}{1}$
,,	14 Jan. 1835—20 Apr. 1854 ...	7 vols.	
,,	Copies of two General Letters of 19 Sep. 1792 and 28 July 1835	1 vol.	$2\frac{WB}{4}$
	These were obtained from the India Office.		
,,	Letter of 24 Mar. 1809 with list of packet	1 vol.	$1\frac{WL}{1}$
	Received on transfer from the Imperial Record Office.		
Territorial—Revenue	13 Feb. 1817—17 Dec. 1834 ...	11 vols.	$1\frac{WK}{2}$, $1\frac{WL}{1}$
	Vol. 9, covering the period 21 Mar.—3 Oct. 1821, contains also a Public General Letter dated 22 Aug. 1821.		
,,	Duplicate or incomplete volumes, 12 July 1820—11 May 1831 ...	7 vols.	$1\frac{WL}{1}$
	Several separate letters relating to Customs are also bound with these volumes.		
Separate Revenue	12 Nov. 1834—5 May 1854 ...	6 vols.	$1\frac{WP}{3}$
Judicial	15 Apr. 1795—25 Oct. 1854 ... There is a gap from June 1826—Mar. 1830.	22 vols.	$2\frac{WD}{4}$
,,	Incomplete or duplicate volumes, 15 Apr. 1795—8 Dec. 1824 ...	7 vols.	
,,	Letter of 26 Feb. 1817, with an extract from the Judicial Department's resolution thereon dated 22 July 1817 ...	1 vol.	
	Received from the Imperial Record Office.		
Public or General and Ecclesiastical	27 May 1834—19 June 1854 ...	19 vols.	$2\frac{WP}{2}$
,,	Incomplete or duplicate volumes, 27 May 1834—30 Dec. 1853 ...	5 vols.	

	Short abstracts of the letters are given at the beginning of the vols. A few Legislative Department letters are included from 1845 and a Financial letter of 1853.		
Commercial	1765—1833 ... ... These are general letters, some originals and others copies or extracts, on commercial affairs received by the Public or General Department of the Governor-General. They are preserved among the records of the Board of Trade to which copies and sometimes the originals appear to have been forwarded by Government.	28 vols.	$6\frac{31}{A2, B2}$
	Letters of 10 Feb., 21 Apr., 17 Aug., 29 Sep., 12 Oct. 1809, with some lists of packet and bills of lading	1 vol.	$6\frac{31}{B2}$
	(Received from the Imperial Record Office).		
Commercial (Financial)	Letter of 2 Apr. 1817 ...	1 vol. (both letters)	
Territorial (Financial)	Letters of 2 Apr. 1817 and 23 Sep. 1817 ... ... (Received from the Imperial Record Office).		

SECTION III.

INTERMEDIATE AND SUBORDINATE AUTHORITIES.

Resident at the Durbar, and Controlling Council of Revenue at Murshidabad.

1769—1774.

The Resident at the Durbar, 1769—1770.

The office of Resident at the Durbar was established in accordance with the treaty made with Mir Jafar in 1763. The Chief of the Factory at Cossimbazar performed the duties of Resident till the two posts were separated by an order of 1767 of the Court of Directors. The earliest extant records relating to this office are—

Letter copy books of the Resident at the Durbar, 27 Dec. 1769 to 1 Oct. 1770 ...	2 vols.	2 $\frac{WA}{1}$
These contain copies of the correspondence on revenue matters of the Resident at the Durbar with Supervisors in several districts.		
There is also a Letter copy book of the Supervisor of Rajshahi at Natore, 30 Dec. 1769 to 15 Sep. 1772, which contains copies of the correspondence between the Supervisor and the Resident, to whom he was subordinate ...	1 vol.	

Controlling Council of Revenue at Murshidabad.

July 1770—September 1772.

In July 1770 a Controlling Council of Revenue was established at Murshidabad to supervise revenue matters. It was placed under the Controlling Committee of Revenue at Fort William when the latter was formed in April 1771. In September 1772 the *Khalsa* or chief revenue office was removed from Murshidabad to Calcutta and the Revenue Board of the whole Council, which took the place of the Controlling Committee, corresponded direct with local officers. The Controlling Council thus came to an end. Its records consist of—

Original consultations, Sep. 1770 to Sep. 1772	5 bundles ...	1 $\frac{D}{A7}$, 6 $\frac{33}{A1, B1}$
Proceedings, 27 Sep. 1770 to 8 Sep. 1772 ...	15 vols. ...	2 $\frac{WA}{1}$
Duplicate and defective volumes of proceedings, 2 Sep. 1771 to 22 June 1772 ...	4 vols.	
Vols. I and II of the duplicate volumes contain separate proceedings relating to the conduct of Captain David Mackenzie.		
Appendix to the proceedings, Dec. 1770 to Jan. 1772	7 vols.	

The third vol., 3—31 Dec. 1770 is a duplicate of vols. 1 and 2.

These contain statements of revenue accounts sent by the "Supervisors."

The proceedings for 3 Jan. to 14 Feb. 1771, 1 Apr. to 22 Apr. 1771, 15 July 1771, 18 July to 26 Aug. 1771, 1 June 1772, 8 June 1772 and 11 June 1772 are copies obtained from the India Office.

The Resident at the Durbar, 1772—1774.

On the abolition of the Controlling Council, this officer corresponded with the Revenue Board of the whole Council till the Provincial Councils of Revenue were set up at the end of 1773 and beginning of 1774. The correspondence covering this period is contained in—

A Letter copy book of the Resident at the Durbar, 28 Sep. 1772 to 2 Mar. 1774 ...	1 vol.	2 $\frac{WA}{1}$

These Murshidabad records from 1769 to 1774 have been abstracted in Press List, Series II, Vol. II (1918).

The Letter copy book of the Resident at the Durbar, 1769—1770 and the proceedings of the Controlling Council from 27 Sep. 1770 to 28 Mar. 1771 have also been printed *in extenso* in the series of Bengal Historical Records now being published. The printing of the remaining proceedings of the Murshidabad Controlling Council is in progress.

Chief and Council at Patna and Controlling Council of Revenue at Patna.

1765—1773.

The Company had a Chief and Council at Patna (where a factory was established in 1658), for the administration of their commercial affairs. By a letter dated 6th February 1772 from the President and Council at Fort William, the Factory Council at Patna was abolished as a separate council and amalgamated with the Controlling Council of Revenue consisting of a Chief and two other members and both revenue and commercial affairs were administered by the same body.

The records of the Chief and Council, Patna Factory are contained in—

A Copy Book of letters issued by the Chief of the Factory at Patna, 1 Mar. 1765 to Nov. 1766	1 vol.	2 $\frac{WA}{1}$

Controlling Council of Revenue at Patna (the Chief and Council)

November 1770 to December 1773.

In 1770 by the direction of the E. I. Co. two Controlling Councils of Revenue were formed, one at Murshidabad and the other at Patna for conducting revenue business ; they were placed under the Controlling Committee of Revenue at Fort William when it was formed in April 1771. At the end of 1773 when the Provincial Councils of Revenue were formed the Chief and Council became the Provincial Council of Revenue for the Patna Division. The Patna Council was constituted by the letter of the President and Council dated 11th October 1770 and took up its duties on 5th November 1770. Its records consist of :—

Proceedings, 1 Jan. 1771 to 23 Dec. 1773 ...	9 vols.	2 $\frac{WA}{1}$
From 1 Jan. to 25 May 1771 the proceedings are entered in diary form. From 1 June all letters received and issued are entered in full.		
Duplicate and defective volume, 4 Jan. to 27 May 1773	1 vol.	
Index to the proceedings for 1772 ...	1 vol.	
Copy book of letters issued by the Controlling Council of Revenue at Patna, 13 Nov. 1770 to 28 May 1771	1 vol.	
Duplicate incomplete copy book for Jan. to May 1771	1 vol.	
Copy book of letters issued by the Chief of the Controlling Council of Revenue at Patna, Apr. 1771 to Apr. 1773	1 vol.	
Copy book of letters received by the Controlling Council of Revenue at Patna, 1 Jan. to 29 Dec. 1771	1 vol.	
Index to the copy books of letters received and issued for 1770—1771	1 vol.	

Abstracts of the above proceedings and copy books have been published in Press List, Series II, Vol. I (1917).

7 duplicate volumes of the proceedings of the Controlling Council of Revenue at Patna covering the period 1 June 1771 to 23 Dec. 1773 were transferred to the Government of Bihar and Orissa in 1915.

Provincial Councils of Revenue.

1773—1781.

At a meeting of the Supreme Council on 23rd November 1773 it was decided to adopt a new plan for managing the land revenue as the Court of Directors did not approve of the existing arrangement. The whole of the Presidency (except Chittagong and Tippera which continued under their Chiefs) was divided into six grand divisions with headquarters at Calcutta, Burdwan, Murshidabad, Dinajpur, Dacca and Patna, each managed by a Provincial Council of Revenue. At Patna the Chief and Council acted as the Council of Revenue. These were established in 1773 and continued till February 1781 when they were replaced by one Committee of Revenue for the whole province. The records of these bodies are as follows:—

Provincial Council of Revenue at Calcutta

or

the Calcutta Committee of Revenue.

1773—1781.

Original consultations (stray papers) Dec. 1773 to Jan. 1781	1 bundle ...	2 $\frac{WA}{2}$
Of the original consultations of this body only 24 remain ; three of them have been transferred to the Victoria Memorial Trustees for preservation as historical documents. Several of them bear the signature of Warren Hastings and Philip Francis.		
Proceedings, 6 Dec. 1773 to 31 Aug. 1780 ...	39 vols. ...	2 $\frac{WA}{12}$
Of these volumes, 31 contain an index or appendices or both. 29 duplicate volumes of proceedings for the period 10 Apr. 1775 to 30 Dec. 1778 were transferred to the Government of Bihar and Orissa in 1915.		
Index to the proceedings, July 1774 to Dec. 1776 ; 1777, 1778, and 1780 (May to Aug.)	3 vols. ...	2 $\frac{WA}{2}$
Consolidated annual alphabetical index for 1773—1780, compiled and printed between 1893—1896 (2 sets)	15 vols.	

There are 3 sets for 1773-74.

The index has the following subject heads—
Accounts, Customs, Miscellaneous, Salt, Settlement, Opium, Embankments.

Proceedings on balances, 27 Mar. to 17 Dec. 1777 ... ... 1 vol. ... 2 $\frac{\text{WA}}{2}$

Body sheets of the proceedings, 5 May to 22 Dec. 1777 ... ... 1 vol.

Provincial Council of Revenue at Dacca.

1773—1779.

No original consultations.

Proceedings, 9 Dec. 1773 to 21 Dec. 1779, Secretariat Series ... ... 25 vols.

Separate proceedings of the Provincial Council of Revenue at Dacca on the settlement of the district, 7 to 17 July 1779 with an index ...
Separate proceedings of the Provincial Council of Revenue at Dacca acting as a Court of Appeal, 15 Jan. to 9 Oct. 1779 ... ...
Index to the proceedings of the Provincial Council of Revenue at Dacca for 1779 ... } 1 vol.

Proceedings, 9 Dec. 1773 to 30 Nov. 1779, Dacca Series ... ... 16 vols. ... 3 $\frac{\text{WA}}{2}$

(These volumes were obtained from the Dacca Collectorate.)

Provincial Council of Revenue at Murshidabad.

1773—1780.

Proceedings, 14 Dec. 1773 to 24 July 1780 ... 23 vols. ... 2 $\frac{\text{WA}}{3}$

Some of the volumes have an index.

Provincial Council of Revenue at Dinajpur.

1774—1780.

Proceedings, 22 Mar 1774 to 28 Nov. 1780 ... 15 vols. ... 2 $\frac{\text{WA}}{2}$

Most of the volumes have an index and appendices.

Provincial Council of Revenue at Patna (the Chief and Council at Patna).

1774—1780.

Original consultations, (stray papers), 1774—1775	1 bundle ...	2 WA/2
Proceedings, 3 Jan. 1774 to 28 Dec. 1780 ...	29 vols. ...	2 WA/3
Some of the volumes contain an index, appendices, separate proceedings and the proceedings of the Court of Appeal at Patna.		
Index to the proceedings for 1775 to 1778 ...	3 vols.	
15 duplicate volumes of the proceedings for the period 2 May 1774 to 3 June 1779 were transferred to the Government of Bihar and Orissa in 1915.		

Provincial Council of Revenue at Burdwan.

1774—1779.

Proceedings, 16 May 1774 to 30 Dec. 1779 ...	30 vols. ...	2 WA/1
Some of the volumes contain an index and appendices.		
Index to the proceedings for 1774—1775 ...	1 vol.	

Committee of Revenue.

1781—1786.

Not satisfied with the system of Provincial Councils of Revenue, Warren Hastings and his Council decided on 20th February 1781 to abolish them and entrusted the revenue administration to one Committee of Revenue for the whole province. It ceased to exist in June 1786 when the Board of Revenue replaced it under the orders of the Court of Directors.

The records of the Committee are—

Original consultations (stray papers), Feb. 1781 to May 1786	1 bundle ...	2 WA/2
Of the original consultations of this body, only 15 remain. One of them has been transferred to the Victoria Memorial Trustees for preservation as a historical document. It is signed by the members of the Council, including Warren Hastings and Philip Francis.		

Proceedings, 20 Feb. 1781 to 25 May 1786 ...	68 vols. ...	2 $\frac{WA}{3}$, 2 $\frac{WB}{1}$
Most of the volumes contain an index or appendices or both. 73 duplicate volumes for the period 20 Feb. 1781 to 30 July 1786 were transferred to the Government of Bihar and Orissa in 1915.		
Proceedings on balances, 26 Feb. 1781 to 5 Apr. 1784	2 vols. ...	2 $\frac{WB}{1}$
Monthly index to the proceedings of the Committee of Revenue, Feb. 1781 to Dec. 1786 ...	6 vols.	
Consolidated annual alphabetical index for 1781—1786 (2 sets) compiled and printed in 1896	12 vols.	
The last volume contains also the index to the proceedings of the Board of Revenue from June to Dec. 1786.		
The subject heads of the printed index are—— Accounts, Customs, Miscellaneous, Salt, Settlement, Opium, Embankments.		
Secretary's order book, Jan. to May 1786 ...	1 vol.	

The Board of Revenue at Fort William.

1786—1822.

In their General letter of the 21st September 1785, the Court of Directors reviewed at length the Bengal establishments and on the subject of the collection of the revenue wrote : "It is full time, therefore, to adopt a settled plan and for that purpose we direct that there be a Board of Revenue to reside at Calcutta to consist of one of the Junior Members of Council, without any addition to his present salary and four others of the most intelligent of the senior servants of the Company. To this department is to belong (subject to the control of the Superior Council) the whole administration, settlement, collection and receipt of every branch of our Revenue together with the control of the several officers concerned therein ; but they are to have no power of issuing any money for any purpose whatever, except in consequence of orders or warrants from the Board of Council, in whom this authority is to be exclusively vested. We think it unnecessary to detail the particular regulations by which you are to arrange this department. We think it sufficient to refer you to the institution of the present Committee of Revenue, upon the foundation and principle of which we mean this Board should be established, and the general line of their duty to be the same."

The Board was instituted on the 1st June 1786 and at first its proceedings on all subjects were recorded together. From the 2nd May 1788 five separate

series of proceedings were opened relating to Land Revenue, Miscellaneous revenue, Salt, Customs and Opium. In August 1788 the Land Revenue and Miscellaneous revenue consultations were combined into one set called "Miscellaneous"; the other three series of proceedings relating to Salt Customs and Opium continued to be kept separately. Copies of the proceedings on these three subjects from May 1788 to December 1789 (with the exception of July and August 1788) are bound along with the Miscelleneous proceedings. In 1790 and subsequent years separate series were opened for various subjects, *e.g.*, Sayer, Judicial, etc., while Custcms, Salt and Opium were transferred to the Board of Trade, as is described below in the sections on these subjects. All other matters, land revenue being the most important, were dealt with in one main series. The transactions of the Board were also recorded in distinct series as territorial and administrative changes took place and the proceedings relating to the Ceded and Conquered Provinces, Behar and Benares, etc., are noted below (*see* pages 71—75).

The Land Revenue and miscellaneous records are as follows :—

Original consultations, 1 June 1786 to Apr. 1788	55 bundles	$2\frac{F}{A\ 6,\ B\ 6}$; $6\frac{33}{A\ 1,\ B\ 1}$
Original consultations, Land Revenue and Miscellaneous, May to July 1788	9 bundles	$2\frac{F}{B7}$ to $3\frac{A}{A1}$; $6\frac{33}{A\ 1,\ B\ 1}$
Original consultations, Miscellaneous, Aug. 1788—1822	872 bundles	$3\frac{A}{A,\ 1\text{-}7}$, $3\frac{A}{B,\ 1\text{-}7}$ to $3\frac{D}{A\ 1,\ B\ 1}$, $6\frac{33}{A\ 1,\ B\ 1}$
Proceedings, 1 June 1786 to Apr. 1788 ...	34 vols. ...	$3\frac{WB}{3}$
Proceedings, Land Revenue and Miscellaneous, May to July 1788	12 vols.	
Proceedings, Miscellaneous, Aug. 1788—1822	592 vols. ...	$3\frac{WB}{3}$, $3\frac{WC}{1\text{-}3}$, $3\frac{WD}{1\text{-}3}$, $3\frac{WE}{1}$

353 duplicate volumes from 1 June 1786 to 28 Dec. 1798 were transferred to Bihar and Orissa in 1915.

Appendix to proceedings, Mar. 1790 to Dec. 1798	3 vols. ...	3 $\frac{WK}{4}$
Monthly index to proceedings, Jan. 1787 to Dec. 1812	41 vols. ...	3 $\frac{WL}{1\text{-}2}$
Annual index to proceedings, Jan. 1805 to Dec. 1822	17 vols.	
Volume for 1807 missing.		
The index for June to Dec. 1786 is bound with the 1786 index volume of the Committee of Revenue (*see* page 45).		
Statements of price current of grain with some forwarding letters from Collectors, June 1786—July 1795 ; and 1807—1827 ...	10 bundles	2 $\frac{F}{A\ 7}$; 6 $\frac{33}{A\ 2,\ B\ 2}$

These were not recorded in the proceedings. For similar statements for 1783—1785, *see* "Committee of Grain" ; for 1795 to 1803 *see* "Grain Office", and for Ceded and Conquered Provinces, *see* Board of Revenue, Ceded and Conquered Provinces (pages 72, 77, 78).

The Board of Revenue—Lower Provinces.

1822—1829.

By Regulation III of 1822 the division of the revenue administration was revised and three Boards were constituted, called the Boards of Revenue for the Lower Provinces, the Western Provinces and the Central Provinces. (For the two latter *see* pages 74-75). The Lower Provinces Board of Revenue continued to exercise jurisdiction over the area which was previously under the Board of Revenue at Fort William and the districts of Bhagalpur and Purneah were transferred to it from the Board of Commissioners for Behar and Benares. This arrangement came into force from 1st May 1822, and lasted till 1829 when the revenue administration was again revised by Regulation I of that year. The revenue records of this Board are—

Original consultations, May 1822 to Feb. 1829 ...	130 bundles ...	3 $\frac{D}{B,\ 1\text{-}4}$, 3 $\frac{D}{A,\ 2\text{-}4}$; 6 $\frac{33}{A\ 1,\ B\ 1}$
Proceedings, Miscellaneous, May 1822 to Feb. 1829	159 vols. ...	3 $\frac{WE}{1\text{-}4}$ to 3 $\frac{WF}{1\text{-}2}$

Annual index to proceedings, 1823—1828 ...	6 vols. ...	$3\frac{WL}{2\text{-}3}$
Index for Jan.—Feb. 1829	1 vol. ...	$3\frac{WL}{3}$

For the index to the May—Dec. 1822 proceedings, *see* the 1822 index volume (page 47).

The Sadar Board of Revenue at Fort William.

1829—1850.

By Regulation I of 1829 the three Boards of Revenue were replaced by Commissioners of Revenue and Circuit acting in their revenue capacity under a Sadar or Chief Board of Revenue for the whole Presidency These changes took effect from 1st March 1829.. After that date Members of the Sadar Board on deputation administered the Upper or North-Western Provinces and recorded their proceedings separately. Regulation X of 1831 which came into force on 1st January 1832 completed the separation by establishing a Sadar Board of Revenue for the North-Western Provinces at Allahabad. Thereafter the Sadar Board at Calcutta was concerned only with the "Lower Provinces." In 1850 by Act 44 of 1850 the Sadar Board of Revenue absorbed the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium and was afterwards known as the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces. The revenue records for this period are—

Original consultations, Mar. 1829 to Dec. 1850	750 bundles	$3\frac{D}{A,\ 5\text{-}7}$, $3\frac{D}{B,\ 5\text{-}7}$ to $3\frac{G}{A,\ 1\text{-}4}$ $3\frac{G}{B,\ 1\text{-}4}$ $6\frac{33}{A\ 1,\ B\ 1}$
Proceedings, Miscellaneous, Mar. 1829 to Dec. 1850	537 vols. ...	$3\frac{WF}{2}$ to $3\frac{WI}{4}$

Index to proceedings—

Consolidated index, Mar.—Dec. 1829 ...	1 vol. ...	$3\frac{WL}{3}$
Annual index. Jan. 1830—Dec. 1835 ...	6 vols.	
Half-yearly index, Jan. 1836—June 1846 ...	21 vols. ...	$3\frac{WL}{3\text{-}4}$
Quarterly index, July 1846—Dec. 1850 ...	18 vols. ...	$3\frac{WL}{4}$ to $3\frac{WM}{3}$

The Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces.

1851—1858.

By Act 44 of 1850 the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium (*see* page 63) and the Sadar Board of Revenue were combined in one Board. called the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces. Thus all the great sources of revenue were united under one body. This Board with changes of functions and jurisdiction still exists. Proceedings relating to Customs, Salt and Opium were separately recorded (*see* pages 60—63). The Land revenue records for this period comprise—

Original consultations, 1851—1858	... 387 bundles.	$3\frac{G}{B, 4\text{-}7}$, $3\frac{G}{A, 5\text{-}7}$ to $3\frac{H}{A, 1\text{-}6}$, $3\frac{H}{B, 1\text{-}5}$; $6\frac{31}{A\ 1, B\ 1}$
Proceedings, Land Revenue 1851—1858	... 198 vols. ...	$3\frac{WI}{4}$ to $3\frac{WK}{4}$
Quarterly index to proceedings, 1851—1858	32 vols. ...	$3\frac{WM}{3}$ to $4\frac{WA}{1}$

Printed Index to the Proceedings of the Board of Revenue.

1786—1858.

Between the years 1878 and 1897 a consolidated index was prepared and printed ; it is a half-yearly index for some years and annual for the remaining period. It is an index to the Land revenue and Miscellaneous proceedings as well as to some of the separately recorded proceedings. There are 2 copies of each volume. The heads under which the index has been prepared are—

Accounts
Customs
Embankments
Establishments, Leave and Pension
Excise or Abkari
Grain
Invalids
Judicial
Miscellaneous
Opium
Police
Post office
Public Works
Resumption and Settlement
Goverment Estates and Settlement
Permanent Settlement
Rent Suits
Salt
Sayer
Stamps
Survey
Wards
Waste Lands

Half-yearly index, Jan. 1787 to Dec. 1808 ...	44 vols. ...	$4\ \frac{WA}{1}$
Half-yearly index to proceedings relating to the Permanent Settlement, 1787 to 1795 ...	1 vol. ...	$4\ \frac{WA}{2}$
Annual index, 1809 to 1840	32 vols. ...	$4\ \frac{WA}{1\text{-}2}$
Half-yearly index, 1841 to 1858	36 vols.	

The index for June to Dec. 1786 is bound with the Committee of Revenue index volume for 1786 (*see* page 45) The index for 1851—1858 does not include Customs, Salt, Opium, Excise, etc. For the index to the proceedings on these subjects (*see* page 71).

Board of Revenue—Sayer.

1790—1806.

Under the orders of the Governor-General in Council dated the 20th April 1790, the Board opened separate proceedings relating to the Sayer and other duties with effect from the 3rd May 1790. They continued up to 3rd October 1806 when it was resolved to discontinue having separate proceedings on the subject. The correspondence on Sayer was recorded in the Miscellaneous proceedings after that date. The records are :—

Original consultations, 3 May 1790 to Oct. 1806	45 bundles	$3\ \frac{H}{B6,\ A7}$, $6\ \frac{31}{A1,\ B1}$
Proceedings, 3 May 1790 to 3 Oct. 1806 ...	25 vols. ...	$4\ \frac{WC}{1}$
15 duplicate volumes from May 1790 to Nov. 1797 were transferred to Bihar and Orissa in 1915.		
Monthly index to proceedings, 1790 to 1806 ...	4 vols.	
Appendix to the proceedings, July 1792 ...	1 vol.	
Unrecorded papers, 1790 to 1801	1 bundle ...	$3\ \frac{H}{A7}$

These contain letters, reports and statements, etc., received by the Board of Revenue from the Collectors of districts regarding Abkari affairs and revenues from bazars, hats and ganjes.

Board of Revenue—Judicial.

1790—1793.

By a letter dated 28th May 1790, of the Governor-General in Council the Board of Revenue was constituted a Court of Review as well as Appeal in causes cognisable by the Board (*vide* Board of Revenue, Mis., O. C. No. 2, dated 2nd June 1790). The Collectors were directed to correspond separately on all matters of a Judicial nature and the Board kept separate proceedings on such subjects. By Regulation II of 1793, the judicial powers vested in the Collectors of Revenue and in the Board of Revenue collectively as a Court of Appeal were transferred to the Courts of Diwani Adalat with effect from 1st May 1793. The Judicial proceedings of the Board ceased accordingly from May 1793. The records are :—

Original consultations, 2 June 1790 to May 1793	8 bundles ...	3 I/A3
Proceedings, 2 June 1790 to 10 May 1793 ...	6 vols. ...	4 WC/2
Volume 6 for 1793 also contains an index.		
Six duplicate volumes for June 1790 to Oct. 1792 were transferred to Bihar and Orissa in 1915.		
Monthly index to proceedings, June 1790 to May 1793	1 vol.	
Unrecorded papers, 7 July 1790 to 1 Sep. 1791	1 bundle ...	3 I/A3
These are mostly letters received from Collectors in reply to the Board's circular letter of 29 Dec. 1790 regarding the discontinuance of *talabana*. They were not recorded in the proceedings.		

Board of Revenue—Wards.

1790—1847.

By a letter dated 20th August 1790, from the Governor-General in Council, the Board of Revenue was constituted a Court of Wards with powers to superintend the conduct and inspect the accounts of all persons entrusted with the management of the estates of minors, females, lunatics and other disqualified landholders. Certain rules originally framed in 1791 were re-enacted by Regulation X of 1793 for the guidance of the Board of Revenue in its capacity as a Court of Wards. Separate proceedings were kept up to June 1847. From 18th June 1847 matters relating to the Court of Wards

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were recorded in the Miscellaneous proceedings of the Board. The records of this branch are :—

Original consultations, 25 Aug. 1790 to June 1847	134 bundles ...	$3\frac{H}{A\ 7}$ to $3\frac{I}{A,\ 1\text{-}3}$, $3\frac{I}{B,\ 1\text{-}3}$; $6\frac{31}{A1,\ B1}$
Proceedings, 25 Aug. 1790 to June 1847 ...	99 vols. ...	$4\frac{WC}{1\text{-}2}$
18 duplicate volumes for 1790 to 1798 were transferred to Bihar and Orissa in 1915.		
Index to proceedings—		
Monthly index, 1790 to Dec. 1812 ...	5 vols. ...	$4\frac{WC}{2}$
Consolidated index, 1813 ; 1814 to 1820 ; 1821 and 1822	3 vols.	
Annual index, 1823 to 1828	6 vols.	
Index, Jan. and Feb. 1829 and Mar.-Dec. 1829	2 vols.	
Annual index, 1830	1 vol.	
Consolidated index, 1831 and 1832 ...	1 vol.	
Annual index, 1833 to 1847	15 vols.	
Unrecorded papers, comprising correspondence, 1820 to 1827, relating to minor Srinarayan Singh (of the Paikpara family)	3 bundles	$2\frac{F}{A7\text{-}B7}$
Correspondence relating to minor D. N. Ghosh, 1820 to 1827	1 bundle ...	$2\frac{F}{A7}$
Correspondence relating to other minor and disqualified land holders, 1795 to 1847 ...	2 bundles.	
The correspondence is chiefly about accounts and was not recorded in the proceedings.		
Despatch book, *i. e.*, Register of letters issued by the Board, 1838 to 1843	6 vols. ...	$4\frac{WC}{2}$
Alphabetically arranged under heads of authorities to whom the letters were issued.		
Receipt Book, *i. e.*, Register of letters received by the Board, 1836 to 1847	4 vols.	

Order book or copy book of letters issued to Collectors of different districts by the Secretary to the Court of Wards, with references to the number and dates of consultations, 1813 to 1823	3 vols.	...	4 $\frac{\text{W C}}{2}$
Lay Book or Register of letters received laid before the different officers of the Board for disposal, showing the date and number of consultation, etc., 1839 to 1841	2 vols.		

Board of Revenue—Police.

1794—1797.

In accordance with Regulation 23 of April 1793, section XXXIX, the Collectors were directed to correspond with the Board of Revenue regarding the assessment and collection of the annual Police tax from the commencement of the next revenue year and to assess and collect the tax under their control. The Police tax was abolished by Regulation 6 of 1797 passed on the 10th April of that year. The records are :—

Original consultations, 28 Apr. 1795 to 19 May 1797	7 bundles	...	3 $\frac{\text{I}}{\text{A4}}$; 6 $\frac{31}{\text{A1-B1}}$
Proceedings, 28 Apr. 1795 to 19 May 1797 ...	5 vols.	...	4 $\frac{\text{WC}}{2}$
The Board took over these duties in 1794 but proceedings prior to 28 Apr. 1795 are not on record. Four duplicate volumes of proceedings were transferred to the Government of Bihar and Orissa in 1915.			
Monthly index to the proceedings, 1795 to1797	1 vol.		
Unrecorded papers, 1794—1800	1 bundle	...	3 $\frac{\text{I}}{\text{A4}}$
The bundle contains statements relating to the assessment, collection and balances of the Police tax in several districts of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa, together with letters from Colectors and the Accountant to the Board forwarding the statements for 1794-1797. It also contains a statement of demand, receipt and balances relating to lands resumed for the support of the Police in the district of Midnapore for 1796 to 1800.			

Circular of the Governor-General in Council dated 7 Dec. 1792 regarding the establishment of a general system of Police and the imposition of police taxes, to several Magistrates, together with copies of correspondence from them on the subject, and the orders of Government thereon, 1792—1794 ...	3 vols. ...	4 $\frac{WC}{2}$

These are copies signed by the Sub-Secretary to the Governor-General in Council in the Judicial Department and appear to have been forwarded by the Government to the Board of Revenue as requested by the Board in their letter dated 6 June 1794 (*see* Judicial Criminal Consultations dated 1 Aug. 1794).

Board of Revenue—Grain.

1795—1803.

The Governor-General in his minute dated 27 October 1794 proposed a plan for establishing public granaries in different parts of the country so that Government might always have in their possession a quantity of grain to meet exigencies in seasons of scarcity. The proposal was approved by the other members of the Council and orders were despatched to the Collectors on the same date. At first the superintendence of these granaries remained in the hands of the Governor-General in Council and a separate set of grain proceedings was recorded in the Revenue Department (*see* page 6). Their control was later transferred to the Board of Revenue by a letter of the Governor-General in Council dated 16 October 1795 and a covenanted servant with the appellation of the Clerk and Inspector of Public Granaries was appointed to supervise them subject to the control of the Board of Revenue. The Board kept separate Grain proceedings from 10 November 1795 up to 11 October 1803 when in accordance with the Governor-General in Council's letter dated 25 August 1803, the office of the Clerk and Inspector of Public Granaries was abolished (Board of Revenue—Grain consultation dated 11 October 1803). Subsequent correspondence on the subject is recorded in the Land revenue and Miscellaneous proceedings. The records are :—

Original consultations, Governor-General in Council, Revenue—Grain, 31 Oct. 1794 to 16 Oct. 1795	3 bundles...	3 $\frac{I}{B3}$
Copies of proceedings, Governor-General in Council, Revenue—Grain, 31 Oct. 1794 to 16 Oct. 1795	2 vols. ...	4 $\frac{WC}{2}$

The original consultations and copies of proceedings of the Governor-General in Council, Revenue—Grain, were transferred to the Board of Revenue with Revenue Department letter, dated 16 Oct. 1795 when the superintendence of the public granaries was committed to the Board. For the subsequent Revenue Department—Grain proceedings *see* page 6.

Original consultations, Board of Revenue, 10 Nov. 1795 to 11 Oct. 1803 ...	13 bundles	3 I/B3
Proceedings, Board of Revenue, 10 Nov. 1795 to 11 Oct. 1803	10 vols. ...	4 WC/2
Four duplicate volumes from 10 Nov. 1795 to 4 Dec. 1798 were transferred to Bihar and Orissa in 1915.		
Monthly index to the proceedings, 1795—1803	2 vols.	

Board of Revenue—invalids Proceedings.

1803—1805.

The rules framed for granting lands to invalided native officers and private soldiers were enacted into Regulation No. XLIII of 1793, by section 3 of which, the immediate superintendence of the invalid establishments was committed to a regulating officer. This regulation was amended in 1794 and 1795 and finally the Governor-General in Council, agreeably to the resolution of the Military Department dated 9 September 1802 placed the Invalid thanas and pensioners immediately under the direction of the Board. (Rev. Dept. Misc. O.C., 16 September 1802, No. 20). The Board decided on the 19 April 1803 to open a separate series of proceedings under the head "Invalids" to deal with the affairs of native invalid officers and soldiers. But in December 1805 it was thought unnecessary to keep the proceedings as a separate series and henceforward they were recorded with the Miscellaneous proceedings. The records are :—

Original consultations, 19 Apr. 1803 to 13 Dec. 1805	4 bundles	3 I/B4
Bundle 4 also contains letters (not recorded) dated 5 Jan. to 12 Dec. 1805, from the Collector of Purnea, forwarding monthly returns for Nov. 1804 to June 1805, and Aug., Oct. and Nov. 1805 of invalid jagirdars attached to the district.		
Proceedings, 19 Apr. 1803 to 13 Dec. 1805	3 vols. ...	4 WC/2
Monthly index to proceedings, Apr. 1803 to Dec. 1805	1 vol.	

Board of Revenue—Post Office.

1820—1829.

The Postal Department was at first under the direct control and superintendence of the Government in the General Department. In 1820 the Governor-General in Council thought it desirable to place it under the control of one of the principal intermediate authorities and accordingly, by the General Department letter dated 25 February 1820, the management and control of Postal affairs were committed to the Board of Revenue. The Board kept a separate series of proceedings from March 1820 onwards. When, by Regulation I of 1829, the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, was succeeded by the Sadar Board of Revenue, the Post Office proceedings continued under this new Board from March to December 1829. In their letter of 29 September 1829 to the Postmaster-General, the General Department decided that he should correspond in future direct with the Secretary in the General Department. The records are :—

Original consultations, Board of Revenue, Mar. 1820 to Feb. 1829	38 bundles	$3\frac{I}{B, 4\text{-}5}$; $3\frac{I}{A5}$; $6\frac{31}{A1, B1}$
Proceedings, Mar. 1820 to Feb. 1829 ...	24 vols. ...	$4\frac{WC}{2}$
Annual index to proceedings, 1820 to Feb. 1829	8 vols.	
Copy book of letters issued by the Board of Revenue to the General Department of Government, the Postmaster-General and other officers, 1820—1825	3 vols.	
Original consultations, Sadar Board of Revenue, Mar. to Dec. 1829	2 bundles	$3\frac{I}{B5}$
Proceedings, Mar. to Dec. 1829 ...	3 vols. ...	$4\frac{WC}{2}$
Index to proceedings, Mar. to Dec. 1829 ...	1 vol.	

Board of Revenue—Sundarbans Proceedings.

1825—1829.

See Presidency Commissioner, Sundarbans records (page 81).

Sadar Board of Revenue—Settlement.

1837—1843.

A large number of settlement cases due to resumption operations had accumulated and lay pending before the Sadar Board of Revenue. This attracted the attention of the Government, and under the orders of the Revenue Department of 2nd May 1837, arrangements were made for the speedy disposal of these cases. Mr. Halliday, the Secretary to the Board, was deputed to this special work. Separate proceedings were kept from 5th May 1837 to 20th December 1843. Before and after this period correspondence on settlement was dealt with in the Miscellaneous and Land Revenue consultations of the Board. The separately recorded settlement records are—

Original consultations, 5 May 1837 to 20 Dec. 1843	182 bundles	$3\frac{I}{B, 6\text{-}7}$; $3\frac{I}{A7}$ to $4\frac{A}{A, 1\text{-}3}$; $4\frac{A}{B, 1\text{-}3}$; $6\frac{31}{A1, B1}$
Proceedings, 5 May 1837 to 20 Dec. 1843 ...	80 vols. ...	$4\frac{WC}{2\text{-}3}$
Half-yearly index to proceedings, July 1837 to 1843 ... ... Index for May and June 1837 is included in the index to Miscellaneous proceedings of the Board for that period.	13 vols. ...	$4\frac{WC}{3}$
Despatch Book, *i.e.*, Register of letters issued by the Board, alphabetically arranged under several heads, 1837—1843	7 vols.	
Settlement Register, *i.e.*, List of Mahals farmed for limited periods or permanently, 1835—1843	3 vols.	
Abstracts of information relative to the assessment of mauzas in pargana Amirthoo, submitted by Mr. Drummond, Deputy Collector in charge of parganas Amirthoo and Rajgir in Bihar, 1840	1 vol.	
Copies of memoranda on certain settlements in Bauleah, Cuttack, Chittagong and Murshidabad divisions by Mr. F. J. Halliday, Secretary to the Board of Revenue deputed to settlement work, 1837—1838 ... ... The originals were sent by the Board to Government and are among the Revenue Department Original Consultations.	1 vol.	

Copies of memoranda on certain settlements by Mr. P. J. Lowis, an additional Member of the Board on Settlement duty, 1837—1842.	14 vols.	4 WC/3
He was also designated Reporter and Reviser of Settlements.		
Copy-book of letters issued by the Secretary to the Board of Revenue to Commissioners of divisions, Government, etc. regarding settlement, 1837—1842	6 vols.	
Copies of correspondence between the Government, the Board and the Commissioners on settlement operation reports—		
Bauleah Division, 1836—1837	1 vol.	
Bhagalpur Division, 1835—1842 ...	2 vols.	
Chittagong Division, 1835—1841 ...	1 vol.	
Cuttack Division, 1835—1845	4 vols.	
Dacca Division, 1835--1843	2 vols.	
Hazaribagh Division, 1835—1838 ...	1 vol.	
Jessore Division, 1835—1844	2 vols.	
Murshidabad Division, 1835—1842 ...	1 vol.	
Patna Division, 1835—1843	2 vols.	
Statements of charges on account of the staff employed on the settlement of lands held free of assessment and resumed under Regulation III of 1828 in several districts, 1837—1838 to 1842—1844	1 vol.	

Board of Revenue—Proceedings on deputation.

In accordance with Regulation XIII of 1811, members of the Board of Revenue were from time to time deputed to different parts of the country in which their presence and services were required. The proceedings of the Board on these occasions were recorded separately and are as follows :—

Cuttack, Pataspur pargana, etc., 1813—1814.

Under the orders of Government dated 12 Dec. 1812, Mr. John Richardson, a member of the Board of Revenue, was deputed to Cuttack to form a settlement of that district and of the parganas Pataspur, etc., under the charge of the Agent of Hijili.

Proceedings, Jany. 1813 to Dec. 1814 ...	6 vols.	4 WC/3
Index, together with abstracts of the above proceedings	1 vol.	

Murshidabad, Jan. 1824.

Under the orders of Government, dated 21 Aug. 1823, Mr. William Trower, a member of the Board of Revenue, was deputed to Murshidabad to investigate the circumstances connected with an embezzlement in the Murshidabad Treasury and also to conduct a criminal prosecution against Pranchandra Mukharji, late Treasurer.

Proceedings, Jan. 1824	1 vol.	

Chittagong, 1840.

Under the orders of Government, dated 10 Mar. 1840, Mr. C. W. Smith, Junior member of the Sadar Board of Revenue, was deputed to Chittagong to enquire into the complaints against the new settlement of that district.

Original consultations, 1 Apr. to 21 Nov. 1840	10 bundles	4 $\frac{A}{A4}$
Proceedings for the same period	8 vols ...	4 $\frac{WC}{3}$
Index to the proceedings	1 vol.	

Cherrapunji, 1857—1859.

Under the orders of Government, dated 19 Jan. 1857, Mr. W. J. Allen, Officiating member of the Board of Revenue, was deputed to Cherrapunji to enquire into and report on certain matters connected with the administration of the district of Cherra and the adjoining Non-regulation districts.

Original consultations, 28 Feb. 1857 to 30 Apr. 1859	8 bundles	4 $\frac{B}{B3}$
Proceedings, 28 Feb. 1857 to 30 Apr. 1859 (Some of the original consultations have been transferred to Assam).	4 vols. ...	4 $\frac{WC}{3}$

Western Provinces, 1829.

Under the orders of Government, dated 15 Sep. 1829, Mr. W. W. Bird, Officiating member of the Sadar Board of Revenue, was deputed to administer temporarily the eight divisions of the Upper or the Western Provinces.

Proceedings, 18 Sep. to 24 Nov. 1829 ...	3 vols.	
Index to the proceedings	1 vol.	

Board of Revenue—Bauleah Proceedings, 1834-35.

Under the orders of Government of 13 Dec. 1834, the Board received temporary charge of the Bauleah (Rajshahi) Division during the absence on leave of the Commissioner. The proceedings of the Board relative to the revenue administration of the Bauleah Division during the period are recorded separately.

Proceedings, 30 Dec. 1834 to 27 Jan. 1835 ...	1 vol.	4 $\frac{WC}{3}$
Index to the proceedings	1 vol.	

Board of Revenue—Abkari or Excise.

1853—1854.

Abkari affairs were originally dealt with among the Miscellaneous proceedings of the Board of Revenue. By Government order dated the 26th February 1829, the Abkari department was transferred to the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium with effect from 1st March 1829, and transactions relating to Excise were recorded in the Customs proceedings. On the abolition of this Board in 1850 the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces, dealt with the subject, and from January 1851 to February 1853 the Abkari proceedings continued to form part of the Customs proceedings. From March 1853 to December 1854 the Abkari proceedings were recorded separately but from January 1855 they are found in the Land revenue and Miscellaneous proceedings of the Board. The records of the separate series consist of—

Original consultations, 4 Mar. 1853 to 27 Dec. 1854	16 bundles	4 $\frac{B}{B3}$; 6 $\frac{31}{A1\text{-}B1}$
Proceedings, 4 Mar. 1853 to 27 Dec. 1854 ...	13 vols. ...	4 $\frac{WC}{3}$
Index to proceedings, 1853 and 1854 ...	2 vols.	

Board of Revenue—Customs.

1788—1793; 1809—1819; 1851—1858.

At first this subject was dealt with along with others in one main series. From May 1788 a separate series of proceedings was started for it. In September 1793 it was transferred to the Board of Trade (*see* page 66)

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under which it remained till 1809. There are no original consultations for this period. The records are—

Proceedings, 9 May 1788 to 15 Aug. 1788; Jan. 1790—Sep. 1793	5 vols.	$6\ \frac{31}{A3}$

The first vol. contains an index for May to July 1788. The Opium index for June 1788 is also bound with this volume. Further proceedings for May and June 1788 and Sep. 1788 to Dec. 1789, together with appendices for Oct. 1788 are to be found mingled with the main Board of Revenue proceedings for those periods.

In May 1809 the Customs Department was again placed under the Board of Revenue and remained so till 1819.

Original consultations, May 1809 to Apr. 1819	49 bundles	$4\ \frac{D}{A7\text{-}B7}$ to $4\ \frac{E}{A1}$; $6\ \frac{31}{A1\text{-}B1}$
Proceedings, May 1809 to Dec. 1818 ...	22 vols. ...	$6\ \frac{31}{A3}$

The volumes for July 1815 to June 1816 and Jan. to Apr. 1819 are missing.

Index to proceedings, May 1809 to Dec. 1812 is bound with the Board of Trade Customs Index for 1807 and 1808 (*see* page 66).

Index, 1813 to Apr. 1819	1 vol. ...	$6\ \frac{31}{B4}$
Copy book of letters issued, 1816-1817 ...	1 vol.	

From May 1819 till 1850 the subject was dealt with by the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium (*see* page 68) and from 1851 it was again placed under the Board of Revenue.

Original consultations, Jan. 1851 to Dec. 1858	114 bundles	$4\ \frac{F}{A,\ 4\text{-}6}$; $4\ \frac{F}{B,\ 4\text{-}6}$; $6\ \frac{31}{A1\text{-}B1}$
Proceedings, Jan. 1851 to Dec. 1858 ...	94 vols.	$6\ \frac{31}{A4\text{-}B4}$
Index to proceedings for the same period ...	8 vols.	$6\ \frac{31}{B4}$
Registers of letters issued, Jan. 1851 to Dec. 1858	31 vols.	

Register for Apr. to June 1851 missing.

Register of letters received, Jan. to July 1858	1 vol.	

Board of Revenue—Salt.

1788—1793; 1851—1858.

Salt was treated with other subjects in the main series of proceedings till May 1788 when a separate series was opened. Like Opium, it was transferred to the Board of Trade in 1793 and to the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium in 1819, returning to the Board of Revenue in 1851.

Original consultations, Aug. 1788 to Dec. 1792	2 bundles	$4\frac{G}{A6}$
None for Jan. and Feb. 1793.		
Proceedings, Jan. 1790 to Dec. 1792 with appendix for Mar. 1791	6 vols ...	$6\frac{32}{A1}$
Proceedings for May and June 1788 and from Sep. 1788 to Dec. 1789 with appendices for May, June, Sep., Oct. and Dec. 1788 and Jan. 1789 are bound with the main proceedings of the Board of Revenue (*see* page 46).		
No index for the period 1788—1793.		
Original consultations, Jan. 1851 to Dec. 1858	156 bundles	$6\frac{34}{A, 3\text{-}4}$; $6\frac{34}{B, 3\text{-}4}$; $6\frac{31}{A1\text{-}B1}$
Proceedings for the same period	96 vols ...	$6\frac{32}{A3\text{-}B3}$
Index to proceedings, 1851 to 1858 ...	8 vols ...	$6\frac{32}{B3}$
Registers of letters issued, 1851 to 1858 ... Registers for 1852 and 1853 missing.	6 vols.	
Attendance register, 1854	1 vol.	

Board of Revenue—Opium.

1788—1793; 1851—1858.

Separate proceedings for Opium were opened in May 1788. The subject was transferred to the Board of Trade in 1793 and subsequently in 1819 to the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium. On the abolition of the latter Board, it was dealt with by the Board of Revenue from 1851. The proceedings for May and June 1788 and from September 1788 to December 1789 are bound with the main Board of Revenue proceedings (*see* page 46). The index for

June 1788 is bound with the Customs volume for the period. The records separately preserved are—

Original consultations, June 1789 to Dec. 1791 (none for 1792 and 1793)	1 bundle	$4\ \frac{F}{A6}$
Proceedings, Jan. 1789 to Apr. 1793 (with index for Jan. 1789 to May 1789; Aug. 1789 to Nov. 1789; Jan. 1790 to Apr. 1790; June 1790 to Nov. 1791)	4 vols ...	$6\ \frac{32}{B3}$
No proceedings or index for Jan. 1792 to Mar. 1793.		
Proceedings for Jan. to May 1792 are in the Imperial Record Office.		
Original consultations, Jan. 1851 to Dec. 1858	72 bundles	$4\ \frac{G}{B, 4\text{-}5}$; $4\ \frac{G}{A, 5\text{-}6}$; $6\ \frac{31}{A1\text{-}B1}$
Proceedings for the same period	32 vols. ...	$6\ \frac{32}{A4\text{-}B4}$
Index for the same period	8 vols ...	$6\ \frac{32}{B4}$
Register of letters issued, 1855 to 1860 ... (1851 to 1854 missing.)	3 vols.	
Register of letters received, 1854 to 1860 ... (1851 to 1853 missing.)	3 vols.	

Board of Revenue—Commerce.

1851—1852.

This series continued the Commercial series of the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium (*see* page 70).

Original consultations, Jan. 1851 to Dec. 1852	2 bundles	$4\ \frac{D}{B5}$
Proceedings, Jan. 1851 to Dec. 1852 ...	2 vols ...	$6\ \frac{30}{B4}$
Index to proceedings, 1851 to 1852 ...	2 vols ...	$6\ \frac{31}{A2}$
Establishment book, 1851	1 vol ...	$6\ \frac{31}{B2}$

Comptrolling Committee of Commerce.

1771—1773.

It was established in March 1771 under orders from the Court of Directors and consisted of 4 members. No original consultations have been preserved. The records consist of :—

Proceedings, 28 Mar. 1771 to 20 Nov. 1773	3 vols. ...	$6\ \frac{29}{B2}$

An abstract of them (with an index) is contained in Press List, Series III, Vol. I (1919).

Board of Customs.

1773—1785.

"For the management of the Customs dues on inland and foreign trade Warren Hastings in March 1773 appointed a special Board of Customs. This body appears to have ceased its sittings at the end of the following year, but the administration was continued in its name by the Secretary, who was Collector of Government Customs at Calcutta." (Foster, "A Guide to the India Office records", page 46). From the Revenue Department body-sheets, dated 10th May 1781, it appears that a new Board of three Commissioners of Customs was appointed then. Mr. Mackenzie, the Senior Member, in his letter to the Governor-General in Council dated 31st December 1781 applied to have the official rank and power of President. This was agreed to by the Governor-General in Council in a Resolution dated 3rd January 1782. This Board of Commissioners of Customs was abolished by an order of the Revenue Department dated 16th February 1785 which runs as follows :— 'Resolved that the Board of Customs be entirely annihilated and that the President of it be directed to take charge of the business with an allowance for two assistants.' The Court of Directors in their separate general letter of 11th April 1785 directed that the office of President of the Department of Customs be abolished. The Customs Department was thereupon made over to the Committee of Revenue with effect from the 28th September 1785 by the following Resolution of the Revenue Department dated 10th October 1785 :— 'That the office of the President of the Department of Customs be abolished forthwith and the management of the Customs committed to the charge of the Committee of Revenue but without any addition to their allowances on this account.' The Board of Revenue succeeded to the control of the Customs Department in June 1786.

Mr. Foster notes that copies of proceedings and correspondence, first of the Board and then of the Collector, are in the India Office. They are in 11 volumes from April 1773 to the end of 1779. There are no records in this Office relating to these Customs authorities from 1773 to 1785 excepting :—

Board of Customs, Proceedings Jan.—July 1783 ; Aug.—Dec. 1783	2 vols. ...	$6\ \frac{31}{A3}$

Board of Trade.

1774—1835.

A Board of Trade was established in 1774 by orders of the Court of Directors for the management of the Company's mercantile business in Bengal. It was replaced by another Board in 1786. About this new Board the Directors wrote :—"The duties of it are to be the same as those of the present Board of Trade but very different in their constitution ; for in place of the inefficient principles upon which the present Board is formed, we direct that a new Board be constituted, consisting of the remaining junior member of Council as President and four other members selected from among the senior servants of the Company". "The whole proceedings of the Board of Trade will of course be reported to the Superior Council and by them transmitted to us in a separate packet under the head of Commercial Department". In April 1793, Salt and Opium were transferred to this Board from the Board of Revenue and "Customs" was similarly transferred in September 1793 but was retransferred to the Board of Revenue in May 1809. In 1819, Salt and Opium, were transferred to the newly formed Board of Customs, Salt and Opium, and in September 1835 the Board of Trade was abolished, as the Company's trading operations had come to an end.

Board of Trade—Commercial.

1774—1835.

Original consultations, Jan. 1778 to 1 Sep. 1835	1107 bundles	$4\frac{A}{A, 4\text{-}7}$; $4\frac{A}{B, 4\text{-}7}$ to $4\frac{D}{A, 1\text{-}4}$; $4\frac{D}{B, 1\text{-}3}$; $6\frac{31}{A1, B1}$
Proceedings, 24 Nov. 1774 to Aug. 1835 ...	547 vols. ...	$6\frac{29}{B, 2\text{-}4}$; $6\frac{30}{B, 1\text{-}4}$
Sep. and Oct. 1799 ; Dec. 1806 and May 1833 missing.		
An abstract, with an index, of the proceedings and appendices from 24 Nov. 1774 to 17 Dec. 1776 has been printed (Press List, Series III, Volume II, 1921)		
Progs. of 1 Sep. 1835 will be found in the vol. of progs. Sep. to Dec. 1835 under the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium (*see* page 70).		
Appendices, Mar. 1775 to Dec. 1835 ...	112 vols. ...	$6\frac{30}{B\ 4}$; $6\frac{31}{A2}$

Jan. to June 1791 and July to Dec. 1800 missing. The 1835 volume also contains the appendices to the Commercial proceedings of the Board of C. S. O., Sep. 1835 to Dec. 1835. (*see* page 70).

Index to proceedings, 1775—1835 ...	86 vols. ...	$6\frac{31}{\text{A 2}}$

Index for 1793 missing. The 1835 volume also contains the index to the Commerce proceedings of the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium for Sep. to Dec. 1835.

Separate proceedings on old balances, May 1788 to Dec. 1818	5 vols.	
Index to separate proceedings on old balances, Sep. 1814 to Dec. 1818	1 vol.	
Establishment Books, 1775 to 1835 ...	48 vols. ...	$6\frac{31}{\text{B 2}}$

Volumes for 1776—1778 ; 1781—1783 ; 1788—1789 ; 1791—1792 and 1800 missing.

Copy book of letters issued, 1774 to 1834 ...	71 vols.	

One vol. is a copy book of letters, 1814-17, mostly containing separate letters, copied under different headings arranged alphabetically. The letters are also included in the books of corresponding years.

Copies of the letters for Jan. to Sep. 1835 are bound with the copy book of letters issued by the Board of C. S. O. (Commercial) for 1835 (*see* page 71).

Board of Trade—Customs.

1793—1809.

Original consultations, Sep. 1793 to Apr. 1809	62 bundles.	$4\frac{\text{D}}{\text{A, 6-7}}$; $4\frac{\text{D}}{\text{B 6}}$; $6\frac{31}{\text{A 1-B1}}$
Proceedings, Sep. 1793 to Dec. 1808 ...	25 vols. ...	$6\frac{31}{\text{A3}}$

July to Sep. 1806 and Jan. to Apr. 1809 missing.

Index to proceedings, Sep. 1793 to Apr. 1809	3 vols. ...	$6\frac{31}{\text{B 4}}$

The last volume also contains the index to the Customs proceedings of the Board of Revenue, May 1809 to Dec. 1812.

Copy books of letters issued, 1794 and 1796 and from 1798 to 1805	10 vols.	$6\frac{31}{B\ 4}$

Board of Trade—Salt.

1793—1819.

Original consultations, Mar. 1793 to Apr. 1819	236 bundles	$4\frac{G}{A,\ 6\text{-}7}$; $4\frac{G}{B,\ 6\text{-}7}$ to $5\frac{B}{A,\ 1\text{-}3}$; $5\frac{B}{B,\ 1\text{-}3}$; $6\frac{34}{A1\text{-}B1}$
Proceedings, 28 Feb. 1793 to Apr. 1819 with appendices for Mar. 1793 to June 1809; Sep. 1809 to Mar. 1810; June 1810 to June 1811; Sep. 1811 to June 1812; Mar. 1813 to May 1813; Apr. 1816 and 1817 ... ... July 1817 missing.	135 vols. ...	$6\frac{32}{A1\text{-}B1}$
Index to proceedings, Feb. 1793 to Apr. 1819	6 vols. ...	$6\frac{32}{B\ 3}$

1813 index incomplete.

Board of Trade—Opium.

1793—1819.

Original consultations, Jan. 1794 to Apr. 1819 1793 missing.	46 bundles.	$4\frac{F}{A,\ 6\text{-}7}$; $4\frac{F}{B\ 6}$; $6\frac{34}{A1\text{-}B1}$
Proceedings, Apr. 1793 to Apr. 1819 ...	26 vols. ...	$6\frac{32}{B\ 3}$

1795, 1799, 1801-1802 missing.

Index to proceedings, 1810 to Apr. 1819 ...	2 vols. ...	$6\frac{32}{B4}$

No MS index for 1793 to 1809.

Copy book of letters issued, 1800 to 1806 ...	1 vol.	

Board of Trade—Hemp or Sunn.

1801—1815.

No original consultations.

Proceedings, Apr. 1801 to Sep. 1815 ...	16 vols.	6 $\frac{32}{B\ 4}$
Jan. to Dec. 1802 ; Jan. to June 1809 and Jan. to Dec. 1814 missing.		
Index to proceedings, Apr. 1801 to Sep. 1815. 1804, 1805 and 1814 missing.	4 vols.	
Copy book of letters issued, 1809 to 1810 and 1814 to 1815	1 vol.	

Board of Trade—Indigo.

1811—1812.

No original consultations.

Proceedings, 20 Sep. 1811 to 6 Mar. 1812 ...	1 vol.
Index to proceedings, Jan. to Mar. 1812 ...	1 vol.

Board of Customs, Salt and Opium.

1819—1850.

This Board was created in May 1819, receiving 'Customs' from the Board of Revenue and 'Opium' and 'Salt' from the Board of Trade. It kept separate proceedings under these three headings. The Board of Trade was abolished in 1835 and this Board took over its duties, starting in consequence a separate series of "Commercial" proceedings from September 1835. It was abolished in 1850, its functions being absorbed by the Board of Revenue, Lower Provinces. Its records are—

Customs.

1819—1850.

Original consultations, May 1819 to Dec. 1850	519 bundles	4 $\frac{E}{A,\ 1\text{-}7}$; 4 $\frac{E}{B,\ 1\text{-}7}$ to 4 $\frac{F}{A,\ 1\text{-}4}$; 4 $\frac{F}{B,\ 1\text{-}3}$; 6 $\frac{34}{A1\text{-}B1}$
June 1821 missing.		

Proceedings, May 1819 to Dec. 1850 ...	361 vols. ...	$6\frac{31}{A,\ 3\text{-}4}$; $6\frac{31}{B3}$
Index to proceedings, May 1819 to Dec. 1850	32 vols. ...	$6\frac{31}{B4}$
Copy book of letters issued, 1833 to 1835 ...	1 vol.	
Registers of letters issued, Jan. 1833 to Dec. 1850	67 khatas.	
July to Sep. 1833 ; Jan. to Sep. 1846 and Apr. to June 1847 missing.		
Salary Registers, June 1819 to Apr. 1835 ...	2 vols.	
Register of monthly salary bills of the office staff, May 1819 to Dec. 1838	2 vols.	
Establishment Book, showing the names and salaries of the staff employed in the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium, Custom office, in the Custom Houses at Calcutta, and throughout the presidency as well as contingencies and other expenses incurred in these Custom Houses for 1832	1 vol.	

Salt.

1819—1850.

Original consultations, May 1819 to Dec. 1850	639 bundles.	$5\frac{B}{A,\ 4\text{-}8}$, $5\frac{B}{B,\ 4\text{-}8}$ to $5\frac{E}{A,\ 1\text{-}8}$, $5\frac{E}{B,\ 1\text{-}8}$ $6\frac{33}{A,\ 3\text{-}4}$, $6\frac{33}{B,\ 3\text{-}4}$ to $6\frac{34}{A,\ 2\text{-}3}$, $6\frac{34}{B,\ 2}$ $6\frac{34}{A1,\ B1}$
Proceedings, May 1819 to Dec. 1850. ...	366 vols. ...	$6\frac{32}{A,\ 2\text{-}3}$, $6\frac{32}{B,\ 1\text{-}2}$
Jan. 1832 ; July, Aug. 1834 ; Feb. 1835 ; Feb. 1836 ; Sep. 1836 ; Dec. 1836 and Apr. 1837 missing.		
Index to proceedings, May 1819 to Dec. 1850	32 vols. ...	$6\frac{32}{B3}$
Registers of letters issued, 1846 to 1850 ...	5 vols.	

Opium.

1819—1850.

Original consultations, May 1819 to Dec. 1850	231 bundles.	$4\frac{F}{A6 \text{ to } B7}$ to $4\frac{G}{A, 1\text{-}4}$, $4\frac{G}{B, 1\text{-}4}$; $6\frac{34}{A1, B1}$
Proceedings, May 1819 to Dec. 1850 ...	118 vols. ...	$6\frac{32}{B3}$, $6\frac{32}{A4}$.
Jan. to Mar. 1824 ; July to Sep. 1825 ; Oct. to Dec. 1826 ; July to Sep. 1828 ; Jan. to Mar. 1837 missing.		
Index to proceedings, May 1819 to Dec. 1850	33 vols. ...	$6\frac{32}{B4}$
Registers of letters issued, 1843 to 1850 ... 1846 and 1847 missing	6 vols.	
Registers of letters received, 1844 to 1845 ...	2 vols.	

Commercial.

1835—1850.

Original consultations, Sep. 1835 to Dec. 1850	83 bundles.	$4\frac{D}{A, 4\text{-}5}$, $4\frac{D}{B, 4\text{-}5}$; $6\frac{34}{A1, B1}$.
Proceedings, Sep. 1835 to Dec. 1850 ...	25 vols. ...	$6\frac{30}{B4}$
The progs. vol. for Sep. to Dec. 1835 also contains the Commercial progs. of 1 Sep. of the Board of Trade.		
Appendices to the proceedings, Sep. 1835 to Dec. 1835 are bound with the appendix volume of Jan. to Dec. 1835 of the Board of Trade, (Commercial) (*vide* page 66).		
Appendix to proceedings, Jan. 1836 to May 1839	1 vol. ...	$6\frac{32}{A2}$
Index to proceedings, 1836 to 1850 ...	16 vols.	

The index for Sep. to Dec. 1835 is bound with the Board of Trade (Commercial) Index for 1835 (*see* page 66).

Establishment Books, 1836 to 1850	...	15 vols.	... 6 $\frac{32}{B2}$
Copy book of letters issued, 1835 to 1850	...	16 vols.	

The 1835 volume also contains copies of letters issued by the Board of Trade, (Commercial) from Jan. to Sept. 1835.

Printed Index to the Proceedings of the Board of Trade, Board of Customs, Salt and Opium, and Board of Revenue (Customs, Salt, Opium, etc.) (1851—1858).

1794—1858.

Between the years 1878 and 1897 an alphabetical index was prepared and printed. It is half-yearly for the periods 1794 to 1808 and 1842 to 1858 and an annual one for the years 1809 to 1840. The Opium index for 1799 and the complete index for 1841 are missing. The Board of Trade index has the heads Customs, Salt and Opium. The index for the Board of Customs Salt and Opium has, in addition to these, the heads Excise or Abkari, Stamps, Stationery, Marine and Registry, Canals and Tolls. The Board of Revenue index is arranged under these same heads with the addition of a head "Exhibition". There are 3 copies of each volume. The number of volumes is—

Half-yearly index, 1794 to 1808 ...	...	30 vols. ...	6 $\frac{31}{A2, B2}$
Annual index, 1809 to 1840 ...	...	32 vols. ...	
Half-yearly index, 1842 to 1858 ...	...	34 vols. ...	

Board of Commissioners—Ceded Provinces.

1801—1803.

When the Nawab Vazir of Oudh ceded part of his territories in November 1801, Henry Wellesley and a Board of Commissioners were placed in charge of these "Ceded Provinces". This arrangement ceased in February 1803. Some of the records of this Board have been preserved here. They consist of copies of letters and in some cases the original letters that passed between the Board and Government and the Board and Collectors during the period

March 1802 and February 1803. There are no volumes of proceedings but several body sheets have been preserved. The only records are :—

Correspondence, Mar. 1802 to Feb. 1803 ...	1 bundle ...	3 $\frac{I}{B4}$

Board of Revenue—Ceded and Conquered Provinces.

1803—1807.

When the above temporary Board was dissolved, the Ceded Provinces were placed under the Board of Revenue at Fort William. After Lord Lake's campaign of 1803 the "Conquered Provinces" and also Cuttack were added. The Board kept separate proceedings relating to these provinces. From 1803 to July 1805 the Board corresponded with a special Department of Government—the Revenue Department for the Ceded and Conquered Provinces but from August 1805 the correspondence relating to these Provinces is with the ordinary Revenue Department of Government. The proceedings of the Revenue Department for the Ceded and Conquered Provinces are in the Imperial Record Office.

The Record Room at Allahabad contains the volumes of proceedings of this Board of Revenue for 1803 to 1807. The records preserved here are as follows :—

Correspondence of the Board with Government and Collectors, Mar. 1803 to Dec. 1807	2 bundles ...	3 $\frac{I}{B4}$
(Some of the letters are originals and others are copies.)		
Statements and enclosures to letters received from Collectors, Apr. 1803 to Sep. 1807 ...	9 bundles ...	3 $\frac{I}{B4}$; 6 $\frac{34}{A1\text{-}B1}$
Statements forwarded by the Collectors of lands sold for arrears of revenue 1805-1807 ...	1 vol. ...	4 $\frac{WC}{2}$

Board of Commissioners—Ceded and Conquered Provinces.

1807—1822.

In July 1807 a Board of Commissioners was appointed under Regulation X of 1807 to superintend the ensuing settlement of the land revenue. By Regulation I of 1809, which calls it the Board of Commissioners in the Upper Provinces, it was declared permanent and the Province of Benares was added to its jurisdiction. Benares which was ceded in 1775 had been previously under the Board of Revenue at Fort William. With certain changes of jurisdiction this Board lasted till 1822 when the arrangements were revised.

There are no records of this body in this Record-room. The proceedings are preserved in the Allahabad Record-room.

Board of Revenue—Ceded and Conquered Provinces.

1807—1810.

During 1807 to 1810 while the above temporary Board of Commissioners was engaged in its work, the Board of Revenue at Fort William continued to transact other business relating to the Ceded and Conquered Provinces and to correspond with Government on these matters, recording its proceedings separately. The records of the Board for this period are—

Original consultations, Oct. 1807 to Dec. 1809; Mar. 1810	1 bundle ...	3 $\frac{I}{B4}$
Copies of proceedings, 2 Oct. 1807 to 11 Dec. 1809	3 vols. ...	4 $\frac{WC}{2}$
Monthly index to proceedings, Mar. 1805 to Mar. 1810	1 vol.	

The bundle of O. C's also contains papers of Mar. 1810 relating to Cuttack, which are also indexed in the index volume. The index volume also contains the index to the proceedings of the Board of Revenue, Ceded and Conquered Provinces for the period, Mar. 1805 to Sep. 1807.

Commissioner in Behar and Benares.

1816—1817.

By Regulation I of 1816 Benares and "that part of Behar comprising the zillahs of Behar, Shahabad, Saran and Tirhoot" (which included Bhagalpur and Purnea and the districts now known as Gaya, Ranchi and Hazaribagh) were placed under a Commissioner. This distribution of work was to relieve the Board of Revenue, Fort William and the Board of Commissioners, Ceded and Conquered Provinces. In November 1817 a Board of two Commissioners was substituted. A few original consultations have been preserved here. The original proceedings are in the Record-room of the Board of Revenue, Allahabad. Copies are in this Record-room, viz.—

Copies of proceedings, Feb. 1816 to Dec. 1817	24 vols. ...	6 $\frac{29}{B1}$

The Feb. volume is signed by the Commissioner and appears to be the original.

Copies of appendices to proceedings, Feb. 1816 to Dec. 1817	4 vols. ...	6 $\frac{29}{B2}$
Index to proceedings, Feb. 1816 to Dec. 1817	3 vols.	

The last vol. also contains the index of the Board of Commissioners in Behar and Benares for the year 1818.

Board of Commissioners in Behar and Benares.

1818—1822.

By a resolution of Government dated 28th November 1817 subsequently embodied in Regulation XIV of 1817, the Commissioner was replaced by a Board of two Commissioners and the districts of Rangpur and Dinajpur were also placed under it. By Regulation I of 1819 the jurisdiction of the Board was modified by the addition of "the districts of Gorakhpore" and the re-transfer of Rangpur and Dinajpur from its management to that of the Board of Revenue at Fort William. This Board came to an end when, by Regulation III of 1822, the Revenue Boards were reconstituted. The original proceedings are in the United Provinces Record-room at Allahabad. A few original consultations have been preserved here and also copies of the proceedings, viz.-

Copies of proceedings, Jan. 1818 to Apr. 1822	63 vols.	...	6 $\frac{29}{B1}$
Index to proceedings, 1818 to 1821 ...	9 vols.	...	6 $\frac{29}{B2}$
The index for Jan. to Apr. 1822 is to be found in the index to the Central Provinces Proceedings for 1822.			
Proceedings of the Junior Commissioner on deputation to Tirhoot for the settlement of some saltpetre mehals and exercising control over revenue affairs (Territorial Dep. letter No. 40 dated 22 May 1818).	1 vol.		

Board of Revenue—Central Provinces.

1822—1829.

This Board was given jurisdiction over the districts formerly under the Board of Commissioners in Behar and Benares (with the exception of Bhagalpur and Purnea which were placed under the Board of Revenue, Fort William) and the Northern and Southern Divisions of Bundelkhand and the districts of Allahabad and Cawnpore were transferred to it from the Board of Commissioners in the Ceded and Conquered Provinces. From January 1825 its proceedings are classified under the three heads (1) Behar, (2) Benares and Gorakhpur, and (3) Western districts. It was abolished in

1829. The original proceedings are in the Record-room of the Board of Revenue at Allahabad. The following records have been preserved here—

Stray original consultations, 14 May 1822 to 8 Jan. 1828	1 bundle ...	6	34/B4
This bundle also contains some stray O. C.'s of the Commissioners, Behar and Benares for the period 1816—1822.			
Copies of proceedings, May 1822 to Feb. 1829	101 vols. ...	6	29/B, 1-2
Index to proceedings, Jan. 1822 to Feb. 1829	14 vols. ...	6	29/B2
The index volume for 1822 also contains the index to the proceedings of the Board of Commissioners, Behar and Benares for Jan. —Apr. 1822.			

Board of Revenue—Western Provinces.

1822—1829.

The several districts of the Ceded and Conquered Provinces hitherto subordinate to the Board of Commissioners, with the exception of those transferred to the Board for the Central Provinces, were placed under this Board. Its jurisdiction underwent a number of changes and it was abolished by Regulation I of 1829, its last proceedings being in February 1829. There are no records of this body in the Bengal Record-room. The proceedings are in the Record-room of the United Provinces at Allahabad. There are 3 volumes of proceedings of the Sadar Board of Revenue on deputation to the Western Provinces for the period September to November 1829 (*see* page 59).

Superintendent of the Khalsa, Superintendent of the Khalsa Records and Preparer of Reports for the Revenue Department.

1772—1793.

On the recommendation of the Committee of Circuit the Khalsa or the head revenue office was removed from Murshidabad to Calcutta in September 1772. The arrangement was that the Khalsa should consist of a member of Council, each member sitting in rotation, to be entitled Superintendent of the Khalsa, together with a native officer with the title of Roy Royan. The duties of this body consisted in receiving and examining all accounts transmitted in Bengali, in comparing remittances with chalans, in realising revenue from farmers who had the privilege of paying revenue at Calcutta

and in preparing all grants and Sanads, etc. On the constitution of the Provincial Council of Revenue at Calcutta in November 1773 it was thought unnecessary to retain the post of the Superintendent of the Khalsa. But in the Revenue Board's proceedings dated 23rd December 1774 it was considered inconvenient to do away with the Khalsa entirely and Warren Hastings proposed the creation of a new officer to be called the "Superintendent of the Khalsa Records." His proposal was accepted with slight modifications. This officer had to enquire into and submit reports on petitions for the Revenue Department. The letter of instructions to the Superintendent is dated 14th January 1775.

On the formation of the Committee of Revenue in 1781 the office of the Superintendent of the Khalsa Records was abolished. The revenue functions of the Khalsa were taken over by the Committee, while the duties of the Superintendent, viz., the making of enquiries and the preparation of reports on petitions, was continued by the officer called "Preparer of reports for the Revenue Department" who addressed his letters from the "Khalsa". This office of the Preparer of reports for the Revenue Department, created in February 1781 was abolished from 1st May 1793 (Judicial Department resolution of 29th March 1793). From June 1786 when the Board of Revenue was established he corresponded with the Board and not with the Revenue Department. The records of these bodies, generally known as Khalsa records, are as follows :—

Superintendent of the Khalsa.

1772—1774.

Proceedings, 19 Dec. 1772 to 12 Dec. 1774... 3 vols. ... 2 $\frac{WB}{1}$

Superintendent of the Khalsa Records.

1775—1781.

Proceedings, 14 Jan. 1775 to 17 Feb. 1781 ... 17 vols.

There is one original consultation of 1780.

Preparer of Reports for the Revenue Department.

1781—1793.

Proceedings, 14 Feb. 1781 to 31 Dec. 1789 ... 36 vols. ... 2 $\frac{WB}{2}$

Twelve stray original consultations for 1781 to 1791 ... ... 1 bundle.

Index to the proceedings, Judicial and Miscellaneous, 1787 to 1791	5 vols.	... 2	WB 2
Original consultatons (Judicial) 2 Jan. 1791 to 26 Apr. 1793	1 bundle.		

These are drafts of letters issued by this officer and the original letters received by him regarding revenue matters of a judicial nature. His correspondence was with the Dewani Adalat, the Board of Revenue, Collectors and Judges. During this period the Board of Revenue had judicial functions (*see* page 51). There are no corresponding volumes of proceedings.

Commissioner of Law Suits.

1777—1779.

This post was created by the letter dated 30th December 1777 of the Governor-General in Council. The Commissioner was to prepare materials for the Company's Attorney and Standing Counsel and to advise the local officers on any suits in which the Company's interest was involved. The Court of Directors ordered its abolition in a general letter dated 23rd December 1778. Its records consist of :—

Proceedings, 1 Jan. 1778 to 15 Feb. 1779 ... 3 vols.
They are recorded in diary form.
The last volume contains an index.

The Committee of Grain.

1783—1785.

In October 1783 owing to famine caused by drought in Upper India and to scarcity in the western portions of the Company's provinces, the Governor-General and Council decided to take off all the duties on grain and also resolved "that a Committee consisting of four servants of the Company be appointed in Calcutta to assemble during the period of scarcity, with complete authority to superintend and regulate the sale, distribution and price of grain throughout the Company's provinces". (Letter dated 16th October 1783 from the General Department to the Committee of Revenue). The Committee of Revenue appointed a Committee of Grain on the 23rd October 1783 and Collectors were directed to correspond with this Committee and to send weekly abstracts of the prices of grain, etc. In their Secret Department of Inspection on the 20th December 1784 and 27th January 1785 the Governor-General in Council passed resolutions that, the object for which the Committee of Grain had been established having been attained, it was unnecessary to maintain it on the existing scale "but that the President of

it do still remain invested with the same powers and control that the Committee now exercise and under such further regulations as the Board may hereafter deem necessary to assist him in discharging the duties of his office". Collectors were directed to address their correspondence to the President after the 1st March 1785. The records of the Committee of Grain are :—

Original Consultations, 23 Oct. 1783 to 28 Feb. 1785	9 bundles ...	$3\frac{I}{B3}$, $6\frac{34}{A1, B1}$
There are no volumes of proceedings.		
Statements of price current of grain with some forwarding letters from Collectors, 23 Nov. 1783 to 30 Nov. 1785	3 bundles ...	$3\frac{I}{B3}$
These were not recorded in the Committee's proceedings. Similar statements were subsequently sent to the Committee of Revenue, and from June 1786 to the Board of Revenue.		

The Grain Office, or Clerk and Inspector of Public Granaries.

1795—1803.

For the proper supervision of the different public granaries, the Governor-General in Council created this office by a letter dated 16th October 1795. The superintendence of the public granaries was transferred to the Board of Revenue by that letter and this office was subject to the control of the Board. It was abolished on 25th August 1803 in accordance with the orders contained in the letter of the Governor-General in Council dated 25th August 1803 which was recorded in the Board of Revenue—Grain consultation dated 11 October 1803. The letter was received by the Board on 5th September 1803 and a copy was sent to the Clerk and Inspector of Public Granaries on 9th September 1803. The records of the Grain office are :—

Letters from Board of Revenue, Collectors, Accountant-General, Stationery Office, etc. received by the Clerk and Inspector of Public Granaries 1795—1802	16 bundles ...	$3\frac{I}{A\ 4}$; $6\frac{34}{A1, B1}$
These include statements of price current of grain.		
Copy book of letters received by the Clerk and Inspector of Public Granaries, from		
(i) Board of Revenue, 1795—1802 ...	6 vols. ...	$4\frac{WC}{2}$
(ii) Collectors, 1795—1797	4 vols.	
(iii) Accountant-General, 1796—1802 ...	1 vol.	
Total ...	11 vols.	

Item (i) volume 2 for 1797 and volume 6 for 1801—1802 contain a monthly index.

Copy book of letters issued by the Clerk and Inspector of Public Granaries, to

(i) Board of Revenue, 1796—1802 ...	6 vols.	... 4 WC/2
(ii) Board of Revenue and Collectors, 1795—1798	1 vol.	
(iii) Collectors, 1796—1802	5 vols.	
(iv) Sub-Treasurer, 1801—1802	1 vol.	
(v) *re* stationery and establishment, 1795—1801	1 vol.	
Total ...	14 vols.	

Accounts of grain lodged in public granaries, 1794—1802	2 vols.
Register of miscellaneous accounts of public granaries, 1795—1796	1 vol.
Register of miscellaneous accounts of the Grain office, 1798—1802	3 vols.

Presidency Committee of Records.

1820—1829.

This Committee was constituted in May 1820 by the Governor-General in Council for the preparation and preservation of public records at the Presidency and for the purpose of exercising a general control and direction over the several district Committees which it had been determined to appoint throughout the country for a similar purpose. (Board of Revenue O. C., 5 May 1820, No. 45). " The more immediate purpose of the present arrangement is to secure the preparation and preservation of proper records and registers relating to landed property, tenures and rates of rent, and in the first instance, the labours of the Committees will be directed to the object of ascertaining what records connected with those matters are in existence, and of having proper accounts taken, and lists made of them ; they will thus proceed to consider and suggest the measures to be adopted for preserving the public records, for securing the punctual preparation of them hereafter, and for bringing up arrears. The enquiries of the Presidency Committee on the above heads will embrace the records of the Sudder Dewani Adawlat, and of the offices of the several Revenue Boards, and those of the Secretaries to Government and of the Revenue Accountant. The mofussil Committees will direct their enquiries to the records of the Courts and Collectors of the several stations ". (Territorial Department, Resolution 17 March 1820, paras. 29 and 30.)

In a minute of 6 August 1820, the Committee issued orders for the preparation of a General Register of Malguzari mahals and Mauzawari and Lakhiraj Registers, and other subsidiary registers. It was dissolved in 1829 in pursuance of the recommendation of a Finance Committee which was appointed by the Governor-General in Council for suggesting economy in state expenditure (Board of Revenue O. C., 19 December 1828, No. 46). The records are :—

Original consultations, 12 May 1820 to 1829	50 bundles	$1\frac{D}{A7}$, $1\frac{D}{B7}$ to $1\frac{E}{A1}$; $6\frac{34}{A1, B1}$
A large number of them for 1826—1829, bear no date and number of consultation.		
Proceedings, 31 Mar. 1826 to 24 Sep. 1827 ...	3 vols.	... $2\frac{W\ B}{2}$
One volume, for 18 Apr. 1827 to 11 Feb. 1828, contains the proceedings of Mr. William Godfrey Smith, Registrar of the Presidency Committee of Records, while on deputation to Hooghly	1 vol.	
Index to the proceedings for 1827 ...	1 vol.	
Drafts of letters issued by the Secretary to the Committee of Records, 1 Apr. 1826 to 29 Dec. 1828	3 vols.	

Special Commissioners under Regulations II of 1819 and III of 1828.

By Regulation III of 1828, special Commissioners were appointed for the more speedy hearing and determination of appeals from the decisions of the revenue authorities in regard to lands occupied by and rents collected by individuals without payment of revenue to Government. Monthly statements both abstract and detailed, of the cases decided were submitted by them and are bound in the following volumes called "Decision books" :—

Murshidabad Division, 1829—1842 ...	9 vols.	... Room 6, almirah.
Calcutta Division, 1829—1843 ...	9 vols.	
Calcutta and Murshidabad, 1842—1844 ...	5 vols.	
Bengal and Behar districts, 1845—1853 ...	10 vols.	

From April 1846, the latter volumes contain also the abstract and detailed statements of cases decided by the Sadar Diwani Adalat, acting under the provisions of the above Regulations.

PRESIDENCY COMMISSIONER.

Sundarbans Records.

1829—1858.

By Regulation IX of 1816, an officer under the appellation of Commissioner in the Sundarbans was appointed who was vested with all the duties, powers and authority of a Collector of land revenue subject to the control and superintendence of the Board of Revenue. Commissioners of Revenue and Circuit were appointed throughout Bengal by Regulation I of 1829 and the Sundarbans Commissioner was placed in subordination to the Revenue Commissioner of the Presidency Division, then called the Commissioner of Revenue and Circuit for the 18th or Jessore Division. In his letter No. 195 dated 19 September 1843, the Presidency Commissioner recommended to the Board the abolition of the office of the Sundarbans Commissioner on the ground that the distribution of the jurisdiction among the Collectors would secure a saving in expenditure, greater convenience to the public, and a more efficient check on the tahsildars. The Board supported the proposal in their letter No. 389. dated 21 November 1843 and the Government thereupon by an order (letter No. 7 dated 18 December 1843), abolished the office. The abolition took effect from 1 May 1844 but from 3 May 1844 the Presidency Commissioner continued to correspond with the late Commissioner in the Sundarbans till the end of the following December. An uncovenanted Deputy Collector was retained as special officer in the Sunderbans of the 24-Parganas and Jessore under the Collectors of those districts and the Bakarganj portion was placed under a Deputy Collector subordinate to the Collector of that district. This system did not work well and the Presidency Commissioner, therefore, recommended in his letter No. 192 dated 6 August 1845 the revival of the Sundarbans Commission in the form of an independent uncovenanted Deputy Collectorate over the whole of the Sundarbans, the Bakarganj portion being brought back under his charge. The Board in their letter No. 329 dated 2 September 1845 supported the proposal and Government re-established the office in letter No. 1083 to the Board dated 24 December 1845. This fact was communicated to the Sundarbans Commissioner by the separate orders of Government No. 8 dated 7 January 1846. The records are chiefly correspondence regarding the reclamation of the Sunderbans between the Presidency Commissioner and the Sundarbans Commissioner while for the period, 23 December 1844 to 16 January 1846, the correspondence is between the Presidency Commissioner and the uncovenanted Deputy Collector in the Sundarbans. The records from 1825 to February 1829 belonged originally to the Board of Revenue and were separated from the Land Revenue and Miscellaneous consultations and transferred to the Presidency Commissioner when the Sundarbans Commissioner was placed under him [Board's Misc. consultations dated 27 February 1829]. The Sundarbans records of the Presidency Commissioner's office were transferred to the Board of Revenue by the Presidency Commissioner with his letter Nos. 40 R. G. dated 7 March 1877 and 4 R. G. dated 16 April 1877. The records subsequent to 1858 up to 1877 are in

the Board of Revenue record-room. The correspondence between the Board and the Sundarbans Commissioner from 1816 to 1824 is to be found in the Board's Land Revenue and Miscellaneous consultations. The records are :—

Original consultations of the Board of Revenue—Land Revenue and Miscellaneous *re.* Sundarbans, 1825 to Feb. 1829 ...	4 bundles ...	3 $\frac{I}{B5}$
Copy of index of the Board of Revenue—Land Revenue and Miscellaneous proceedings under the head "Sunderbans" 1824 to 1829	1 vol. ...	4 $\frac{WC}{2}$
These were transferred to the Presidency Commissioner when the Board of Revenue was replaced by the Sadar Board of Revenue. (*Vide* Board's Miscellaneous consultations dated 27 Feb. 1829, letter No. 25 dated 26 Feb. 1829 and Miscellaneous consultation dated 16 Oct. 1829, letter No. 4 dated 16 Oct. 1829 and Separate original consultation No. 6 dated 16 Oct. 1829).		
Letters received by the Presidency Commissioner, 1829 to Apr. 1858	23 bundles ...	3 $\frac{I}{B5}$, 3 $\frac{I}{A6}$
Letters received by the Presidency Commissioner on Circuit, 1858	1 bundle ...	3 $\frac{I}{A6}$
Drafts of letters issued by the Presidency Commissioner, 1830 to 1858	6 bundles.	
Drafts of letters issued by the Presidency Commissioner on Circuit, 1836—1856 ...	1 bundle ...	3 $\frac{I}{B6}$
Old disposed of cases, *i.e.*, letters received and issued by the Presidency Commissioner regading :—		
(*i*) the settlement of Mehal Kharee in the 24-Parganas, 1830—1858	1 bundle.	
(*ii*) Choto Basdia, Bara Basdia, Chuck Tatiboonea, Sundarbans grants, their pottahs, kabuliyats and rates, 1829—1857	1 bundle.	
(*iii*) The settlement of cultivated lands of Mehal Khowleah, Barisal and mauza Ouleapore and lots 217-219, 1834—1857	1 bundle.	
(*iv*) The property belonging to the Nawab Nazim of Bengal, etc., 1836—1856 ...	1 bundle.	
Copy book of letters issued by the Presidency Commissioner, 1836 to 1857	9 vols ...	4 $\frac{WC}{2}$
Copy book of letters issued by the Presidency Commissioner on Circuit, 1840 to 1846 ...	4 vols.	

Register of letters received by the Presidency Commissioner, 1829 to 1858	26 vols.	4 WC/2
Register of letters issued by the Presidency Commissioner, 1835 to 1858	22 vols.	
There were no separate registers for the Sundarbans Commisioner for the years 1829-1834 and consequently the registers under that head could not be separated from other heads and were not transferred to the Board of Revenue. (*Vide* enclosure to Presidency Commissioner's letter No. 4 R. G. dated 16 Apr. 1877).		
Register of letters issued by the Presidency Commissioner on Circuit, 1838 to 1858 ...	4 vols.	

The Tea Committee.

1834—1840.

In 1834 Lord William Bentinck recorded a minute stating that his attention had been called to the subject of the cultivation of the tea-plant previous to his having left England, and he appointed a Committee to prosecute enquiries and to promote the introduction of tea cultivation into India (Governor-General in Council—Revenue Department letter No. 173 dated 1st February 1834—*see* page 7). Seed was obtained from China and also persons skilled in the cultivation and manufacture of tea and the experimental introduction of tea planting into Assam was undertaken by Government. In 1840, Government made over its experimental establishment to the Assam Tea Company. The records of the Committee are :—

Letters received, 1 Feb. 1834 to 23 Sep. 1840	4 bundles ...	3 I/B5
Letters issued, 5 Mar. 1834 to 21 Sep. 1840 ...	2 bundles.	
Minutes and Notes, 9 Feb. 1832 to 14 Feb. 1840	1 bundle.	
Accounts, receipts and miscellaneous papers, 16 Feb. 1832 to 14 Sep. 1840.	1 bundle.	

Controller of Surveys.

1851—1855.

The Revenue Department informed the Board of Revenue in its letter No. 123 dated 27 January 1851, that one of the four Superintendents of Surveys would, in addition to his own duties, have authority over the other three Superintendents, with an assistant to aid him and the Board was authorised to give this Superintendent the general control of all the surveys

so long vested in the several Commissioners, who would henceforth be relieved from all concern with these operations, except that they would continue to hear appeals from the Superintendents. Thus the post of the Controller of Surveys originated. It was abolished by Revenue Department letter No. 137 of 10 April 1855 to the Board of Revenue, and the several Superintendents of Survey were ordered to communicate direct with the Board. The records are :—

Copies of letters issued by the Controller of Surveys to the Superintendents of Surveys and others, 17 Mar. 1851 to 5 May 1855 ...	8 vols. ...	4 $\frac{WI}{4}$
Copies of letters issued by the Controller of Surveys to the Civil Auditor, 30 Mar. 1853 to 4 May 1855	2 vols.	
Original letters received by the Controller of Surveys from the Board of Revenue, 11 Mar. 1851 to 22 Dec. 1854	4 vols.	
Original letters, bills, etc., received by the Controller of Surveys from—		
Superintendent of Surveys, 1st Division 3 Apr. 1851 to 1 May 1855	5 vols.	
Superintendent of Surveys, 2nd Division, 11 Mar. 1851 to 28 Apr. 1855	3 vols.	
Superintendent of Surveys, 3rd Division, 17 Mar. 1851 to 16 Apr. 1855	5 vols.	
Superintendent of Surveys, 4th Division, Jan. 1851 to 1 May 1855	5 vols.	
Original letters, with enclosures, issued and received by the Controller of Surveys, Superintendents of Surveys, Revenue Surveyor, Deputy Surveyor-General, Accountant to the Government of Bengal, Secretary to the Board of Revenue, etc., from 1851 to 1852 ...	1 vol.	

Comptroller of Salt and Collector of the Salt Districts.

The Comptroller was appointed by an order of 29 September 1780 of the Revenue Department to supervise the Salt Agents in the several salt divisions. The Committee of Revenue in its orders of 15 October and 22 October 1781 placed the land revenue of the Salt Mahals under the care of the Comptroller, who in this capacity was designated Collector of the Salt districts and was directed to correspond with the Committee of Revenue and to transmit to them his monthly accounts like other Collectors of land revenue.

This officer was subordinate first to the Committee of Revenue and then to the Board of Revenue. The records are :—

Copy book of letters received by the Comptroller and Deputy Comptroller of the Salt office, Apr. 1783 to Apr. 1784	1 vol. ...	$6 \frac{32}{B3}$
Copy book of letters issued by the Comptroller and Deputy Comptroller of the Salt office, May 1785 to Apr. 1786	1 vol.	
Copy book of letters issued by the Collector of the Salt districts and Jessore and Nadia—		
Nov. 1781 to Apr. 1785	1 vol.	
May 1786 to Mar. 1793	6 vols.	
Copy book of letters received by the Collector of the Salt districts and Jessore—		
Apr. 1785 to Apr. 1786	1 vol.	
Apr. 1786 to 1790 ..., ...	4 vols.	
Letters from the Collector of Contai to the Collector of the Salt districts, [Feb. 1784 and Apr. 1785	1 bundle.	
Copies of correspondence, statements and accounts relating to the revenue administration of the Salt districts of Tamluk, Hijili and Mahisadal, 1787—1792	4 vols.	

Superintendent of the Salt Chauki, Calcutta,

and

Controller of Salt Chaukis.

The superintendence of the provision of salt on account of Government continued to be in the hands of the Salt Agents who were originally appointed in 1776. By Regulation X of 1819 Superintendents of Salt Chaukis were appointed for immediate control over and charge of the chaukis then established. Subsequently as the Superintendents could not effectively prevent the illicit manufacture and transportation of salt prevailing extensively throughout the country it was thought desirable to appoint an intermediate officer between the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium and the Superintendents. Accordingly the post of the Controller of Salt Chaukis was sanctioned by the Supreme Government by their letter No. 33 dated 7th January 1846 to exercise vigilant and direct supervision over the Superintendents and other

preventive officers of the Salt Chaukis of Chittagong, Bullooah, Backergunge, Jessore, Bangundee, Baruipore, Midnapore, Western Salt Chaukis, Jellasore and Calcutta. The records are :—

Superintendent of the Salt Chauki, Calcutta.

1831—1858.

Copy book of letters issued by the Superintendent of the Salt Chauki at Calcutta to the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium and the Controller of Salt Chaukis, 30 June 1831 to 4 Aug. 1856	4 vols.	... 4 W I / 3
Copy book of letters issued by the Superintendent of the Salt Chauki at Calcutta to different Officers, 13 Aug. 1833 to 1 July 1858	4 vols.	

Controller of Salt Chaukis.

1846—1858.

Letters received from the Superintendents of the Salt Chaukis at the following places, 1846—1858 :—

Backergunge	13 vols.	... 4 W H / 1
Baruipore	13 vols.	
Bangundee	13 vols.	... 4 W H / 2
Bullooah (Noakhali)	12 vols.	
Chittagong	10 vols.	
(Vol. for 1852 missing.)		
Calcutta	11 vols.	... 4 W H / 3
Jessore	13 vols.	
Jellasore	10 vols.	
(Vols. for 1848 and 1849 missing.)		
Midnapore	13 vols.	... 4 W I / 1
Western Salt Chaukis	13 vols.	
Letters received from different officers, 1846—1847, 1850, 1852—1857	9 vols.	... 4 W I / 2

Letters received from the Board of Revenue and the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium, 1846—1858	15 vols.	...	4 $\frac{\text{W I}}{2}$
Copy book of letters issued to different officers, 1846—1858	26 vols.	...	4 $\frac{\text{W I}}{2\text{-}3}$
(Vols. for Jan. to June 1849 and Jan. to June 1851 missing.)			
Register of letters issued, 1848-1858 ...	10 vols.	...	4 $\frac{\text{W I}}{3}$
Receipt book or Register of letters received, 1853	1 vol.		

Reporter of External Commerce.

The Reporter of External Commerce was appointed by the Governor-General in Council (Public Department letter of 13th June 1796) to collect and lay before the Board of Trade information relating to the external commerce of the provinces and also the external trade carried on by the foreign settlements. No copies of his reports have been preserved here but the India Office has copies of Reports on External Commerce from 1795 to 1858, which deal also with Internal Commerce from 1812 to 1836. There is one volume of his correspondence, viz :—

Drafts and copies of letters issued by the Reporter of the External Commerce and original letters received by him, 1802 to 1819	1 vol.	...	1 $\frac{\text{W I}}{3}$

There was a similar officer in Madras and several copies of his reports are found in this record-room :—

General report of the external and internal Commerce of the territories subject to the Presidency of Fort St. George and reports from Collectors of Sea Customs, 1813—1814 submitted by the Reporter of External Commerce to the Governor in Council, Fort St. George	1 vol.
Comparative abstract statement of the value of merchandise and treasure imported into and exported from the territories under the Presidency of Fort St. George by Sea, 1807 to 1808 and 1812 to 1816	5 vols.
General abstract statement of the value of merchandise and treasure imported into and exported from the territories under the Presidency of Fort St. George by land, 1814—1815	1 vol.

Comparative abstract statement of the value of merchandise and treasure imported into and exported from the territories under the Presidency of Fort St. George by land, 1813—1814 and 1814—1815 ... ... 1 vol. ... 1$\frac{\text{W I}}{3}$

General price current of Fort St. George, 1813—1814 ... ... 1 vol.

This is a copy of the statements submitted by the Reporter of External Commerce for Fort St. George on 25 Feb. 1815.

Calcutta Exchange Price-Current.

1820—1858.

A weekly publication containing the price-current of the staple articles of Bengal, China, Java, Sumatra, Malabar Coast, Persian Gulf, Europe and America; statements of the principal imports and exports of Calcutta, the rates of exchange and of the bullion market and the arrival of ships at Calcutta and their departure thereform. (Printed and published by the Exchange Committee), 24 Aug. 1820 to Dec. 1858 ... 10 vols.

The numbers for 1835 and 1836 are wanting.

General Committee of Public Instruction.

1823—1842.

On the 17th July 1823, the Governor-General in Council considered a memorandum submitted by Mr. Holt Mackenzie and resolved to form "a General Committee of Public Instruction at the Presidency for the purpose of ascertaining the state of education in the territories under the Bengal Presidency and of the Public Institutions designed for its promotion and of considering, and from time to time submitting to Government the suggestion of such measures as it might appear expedient to adopt with a view to the better instruction of the people, to the introduction among them of useful knowledge and to the improvement of their moral character." (Territorial Consultations Nos. 1 and 2 of 17th July 1823). The President and Members were appointed in a letter dated the 31st July 1823 from the Persian Secretary to the Government. The Committee ceased to exist under orders contained in a resolution of the Governor-General in Council in the Education Department, dated the 10th January 1842, in which it was agreed that the general and financial business of the Committee of Public Instruction be assumed

directly by the Government and that the Committee be maintained as a Council of Education, the correspondence to be undertaken by the Secretary in the General Department with the aid of a Deputy who might be *ex-officio* Secretary of the Council of Education. (Education Department Consultations Nos. 39-42 of 19th January 1842 and Education Index, January 1842, April 1843). The proceedings of Government in the Education Department are recorded in a distinct series from January 1842 (*see* page 20).

The following records of the Committee have been preserved :—

Correspondence and Proceedings.

Proceedings of the Committee, 20 Sep. 1823 to Dec. 1841	5 vols.	... $3\frac{WA}{1}$
These volumes contain the original letters received by the Committee, notes and minutes and drafts of letters issued, bound together but not always in chronological order.		
Proceedings of the Committee relating to the Education Press and the Book Depository, 1825 to 1834	1 vol.	...
Proceedings of the Sub-Committee for Accounts and Finance of the Medical College and of other Sub-Committees, 19 Feb. 1836 to 8 Apr. 1839	1 vol.	
Wrongly bound with this volume is a register of letters received by the Committee for 1838.		
Copy book of letters received and issued by the Committee, 31 July 1823 to 1842 ...	18 vols.	
Copies of letters to Collectors, etc., issued by Government authorising payments to the Committee and the various educational institutions, Oct. 1828 to Jan. 1842 ...	8 vols.	
Proceedings relating to Vernacular Education, 1840—1842	1 vol.	
This volume contains correspondence and notes, etc., regarding the promotion of vernacular education.		
Book of Circulars, 1836—1841 ...	1 vol.	
Contains copies of circulars and notices issued to the local School Committees.		
"Literary" proceedings, 1824—1841 ...	2 vols.	

They contain correspondence and applications relating to the publication and patronage of books and literary works.

Draft general report of the Committee for the years 1840—1841 and 1841—1842 ...	1 vol.	...	3 $\frac{WA}{1}$
Register of letters received, 1829 to 1835 and July 1836 to Dec. 1837	2 vols.		

Register of letters received, 1838 (*see* p. 89)

Correspondence of the Committee relating to schools and colleges.

The letters cover various periods between the year 1820 and 1842 and are arranged according to the schools to which they relate, as follows:—

Agra College, 13 July 1822 to 31 Dec. 1841 ...	6 vols.
Hindu College, Benares, 3 Mar. 1820 to 16 Dec. 1828	1 vol.
Benares College and Seminary, 8 Jan. 1829 to 8 Sep. 1842	4 vols.
Delhi College, 7 Jan. 1824 to 27 Dec. 1841 ...	5 vols.
Bhagalpur Hill School, 6 Sep. 1822 to 23 Sep. 1833	1 vol.
Bhagalpur Hill School, 29 Jan. 1834 to 12 Dec. 1839	1 vol.
Bhagalpur Hill School, 18 Feb. 1837 to 26 Dec. 1839	1 vol.
Bhagalpur and Patna Schools, 2 Jan. 1840 to 21 Dec. 1841	1 vol.
Patna School, 14 July 1835 to 14 Nov. 1839 ...	1 vol.
Jubbulpur School, 7 Jan. 1837 to 26 Nov. 1839	1 vol.
Saugor School, 3 Feb. 1834 to 16 Jan. 1840 ...	1 vol.
Jubbulpur and Saugor Schools, 2 Nov. 1839 to 29 Dec. 1841	1 vol.
Cawnpur School, 18 Oct. 1822 to 17 Nov. 1834	1 vol.
Comilla School, 19 Aug. 1837 to 27 Dec. 1839	1 vol.
Gauhati School, 22 July 1835 to 6 Jan. 1840	1 vol.
Comilla and Gauhati Schools, 13 Jan. 1840 to 16 July 1841	1 vol.
Maynpore (Mainpuri) School, 9 Sep. 1824 to 12 Sep. 1828	1 vol.

Midnapore School, 26 Aug. 1834 to 10 Dec. 1841	2 vols.	... 3 WA/1
Nizamat College, Murshidabad, 23 Jan. 1834 to 7 Apr. 1841	1 vol.	
Allahabad School, 6 Jan. 1834 to 12 Dec. 1839	1 vol.	
Ghazipur School, 21 Mar. 1835 to 1 Dec. 1839	1 vol.	... 3 WA/2
Ghazipur and Allahabad Schools, 3 Jan. 1840 to 18 Dec. 1841	1 vol.	
Ajmir School, 5 May 1836 to 30 Oct. 1839 ...	1 vol.	
Azimgarh and Gorakhpur Schools, 6 Jan. 1840 to 28 Dec. 1841	1 vol.	
Bareilly School, 20 Dec. 1835 to 30 July 1839	1 vol.	
Farrukhabad School, 22 Dec. 1831 to 3 Dec. 1839	1 vol.	
Puri and Cuttack Schools, 17 June 1835 to 13 Dec. 1840	1 vol.	
Cuttack, Dinajpur and Dàcca Schools, 15 July 1840 to 31 Dec. 1841	1 vol.	
Dacca School, 7 May 1835 to 10 Feb. 1840 ...	1 vol.	
Seetapore and other Schools, 2 Jan. 1840 to 24 Nov. 1841	1 vol.	
Meerut School, 11 Apr. 1835 to 12 Oct. 1839	1 vol.	
Bareilly, Farrukhabad, Ajmir and Meerut Schools, 18 Jan. 1840 to 29 Aug. 1842 ...	1 vol.	
Allahabad, Farrukhabad, Gorakhpur, etc., Schools, 1826—1833	1 vol.	
Azimgarh School, 24 July 1837 to 11 Dec. 1839	1 vol.	
Bauleah School (Rajshahi), 17 June 1836 to 8 July 1839	1 vol.	
Jessore and Bauleah Schools, 15 Jan. 1840 to 18 Nov. 1841	1 vol.	
Jessore School, 7 Aug. 1837 to 1 Nov. 1839 ...	1 vol.	
Dinajpur School, 31 Oct. 1837 to 6 Jan. 1840	1 vol.	
* Chinsurah Village School, 13 June 1815 to 3 Dec. 1819 and 1 Jan. 1820 to 2 Mar. 1824 ...	2 vols.	
Chinsurah Village School, 11 Mar. 1824 to 16 Apr. 1834	1 vol.	
Arracan School, 18 May 1836 to 23 Jan. 1840	1 vol.	
Moulmein and Arracan Schools, 31 Mar. 1840 to 31 Jan. 1842	1 vol.	

* NOTE.—Volume 1 contains correspondence between Government and the local officials of Chinsura for the period June 1815 to Dec. 1819 relating to village schools in Chinsura.

Hushingabad School, 6 May 1837 to 10 Dec. 1839	1 vol.	...	3 WA/2
Ajmir and Hushingabad Schools, 7 Nov. 1818 to 21 Aug. 1840	1 vol.		
Regimental Schools, 24 Sep. 1832 to 23 Dec. 1832	1 vol.		
Gorakhpur School, 16 May 1836 to 6 May 1839	1 vol.		
Arrah and Chapra Schools, 20 July 1837 to 1 Sep. 1841	1 vol.		
Total ...	61 vols.		

Miscellaneous Volumes.

Applications from different schools for pecuniary aid from the Committee, 1834-1840 ..	1 vol.
Applications for Teacherships, 1835—1841 ...	1 vol.
Contains applications with testimonials and orders as to the grant of certificates.	
Certificates of English masters, 1839—1842 ...	1 vol.
Contains question papers set at the Mastership Examination and certificates granted.	
Lists of books received by and issued from the Education Depository, 1829—1835 ...	1 vol.
Lists of books sent to various Schools and Colleges, 1825—1842	5 vols.
Copies of correspondence between the Revenue Department and the local officers regarding the Hindu College, Tirhoot, 1811—1817 ...	1 vol.
Wrongly bound with this volume is an abstract of the charges of several schools and colleges, 1833—1834.	

Account books relating to Schools and Colleges.

They cover various periods between the year 1819 and 1841 and are arranged according to the institutions to which they relate, as follows :—

Agra College, 1824—1839	4 vols.
Ajmir and other Schools, 1836—1841 ...	1 vol.

Allahabad School, 1834—1839	1 vol.	3 WA/2
Benares Hindu College, 1827-28, 1830-33, 1833-37 and 1838-39	4 vols.	
Benares Hindu College, 1828-30 and Benares Anglo-Indian Seminary, 1830	1 vol.	
Benares Hindu College 1833-41 and Benares Anglo-Indian Seminary, 1834-41 ...	1 vol.	
Benares Anglo-Indian Seminary, 1830—1839	1 vol.	
Boalia and other Schools, 1836—1840 ...	1 vol.	
Delhi College, 1825—1841	6 vols.	
Delhi Institution, 1829—1841	3 vols.	
Farrukhabad and other Schools, 1836—1841	1 vol.	
Hooghly, Jessore and Dacca Colleges, 1836—1839	1 vol.	
Madrassa Institution, Calcutta, 1819—1840 ...	5 vols.	
Medical College, Calcutta, 1835—1839 ...	1 vol.	
Maynpur (Mainpuri) School, 1824—1828 ...	1 vol.	
Maynpur, Rajputana and Bhagalpur Schools, 1824—1839	1 vol.	
Sanskrit College, 1823—1841	5 vols.	
Hindu Hospital and Medical College, 1832—1841	1 vol.	
Chittagong and other Schools, 1835—1839 ...	1 vol.	
Total ...	40 vols.	

Abstract accounts of the Committee, 1828—1841	2 vols.
Miscellaneous accounts, 1823—1842 ...	1 vol.
Contains establishment charges of many schools and colleges and various other accounts.	
Government Agent's account current with the Committee, June 1824 to Apr. 1835 ...	1 vol.
Register of Accounts and establishment of the Education Press, 1824-30	1 vol.
Statistics of Education in Midnapore district sent by the Joint Magistrate, Midnapore to W. Adams, Supervisor of Public Education in Bengal, 16 Mar. 1836	1 paper.

COUNCIL OF EDUCATION.

Copies of correspondence between the Council of Education and the Principal of the Sanskrit College, Benares, relating to Sanskrit Education, 1853	1 vol.	3 $\frac{WA}{2}$
General list of the books belonging to the library of the Council of Education, (no date)	1 vol.	

GENERAL COMMITTEE OF THE FEVER HOSPITAL AND MUNICIPAL IMPROVEMENTS.

Printed proceedings of the Governors of the Native Hospital, dated the 20th May 1835, relative to the establishment of a Fever Hospital for the relief of the natives, together with notes relating to the state of Calcutta and its suburbs, and proceedings of the General Committee of the Fever Hospital and Municipal Improvements from 18 June 1835 to 12 Nov. 1840, etc.	1 vol.	1 $\frac{WI}{3}$
"Papers pertaining to the proceedings of the General Committee of the Fever Hospital and Municipal Improvements of the 15 May 1837 which are referred to but have been omitted (by the Committee) to be inserted in their fitting place"—printed ...	1 vol.	
Proceedings of the General Committee of the Fever Hospital and Municipal Improvements on the subject of the drainage of the Salt-water lakes, etc., viz. Extract proceedings from 29 June 1839 to 8 Oct. 1839 and proceedings, 7 Jan. 1840 to 11 May 1842 ...	1 vol.	
Proceedings of the General Committee of the Fever Hospital and Municipal Improvements from 7 Aug. 1846 to 30 Oct. 1847. (Incomplete)	1 vol.	
"Report of the Committee appointed by the Right Hon'ble the Governor of Bengal for the establishment of a Fever Hospital and for enquiring into local management and taxation in Calcutta."	2 vols.	

It is a printed report dated 7 Jan. 1840 with printed Appendices A to F, appendices A to C being bound with the report and appendices D to F forming a 2nd volume.

The titles of the appendices are—

Appendix A—"Proceedings of the Governors of the Native Hospital relative to the establishment of a Fever Hospital for the relief of natives together with notes relating to the state of Calcutta and its suburbs." It is dated 20 May 1835.

Appendix B—containing the correspondence of the Committee on the Fever Hospital and Municipal Improvements with the Government of Bengal from 1 June 1835 to 18 May 1837.

Appendix C—"Municipal Enquiry First Sub-Committee Evidence."

This relates to the years 1836 and 1837. There is also a printed appendix to appendix "C" containing reports and statistics relating to the town of Calcutta.

Appendix D—containing evidence taken by the Second Sub-Committee of the General Committee of the Fever Hospital and Municipal Improvements, 1838.

Appendix E—containing the report of the Third Sub-Committee of the General Committee of the Fever Hospital and Municipal Improvements and appendix thereto, 1838.

Appendix F—containing miscellaneous evidence and papers with addenda, 1839.

Proceedings of the First Sub-Committee of the General Committee of the Fever Hospital and Municipal Improvements with an index, 1836—1837	1 vol.	1 WI/3
Proceedings of the Second Sub-Committee of the General Committee of the Fever Hospital and Municipal Improvements, 13 July 1836 to 17 Feb. 1838	1 vol.	
Copies of letters received and issued by the Municipal Improvement Committee—24 Oct. 1838 to 3 May 1842 and 12 Mar. 1847 to 2 Apr. 1849	2 vols.	

RAILWAY COMMISSIONER.

1850—1857.

The Commissioner was appointed by Revenue Department letter of 12 September 1850 " for the purchase of lands required for the purposes of the railway about to be commenced at Howrah and to run in a north-westerly direction from thence ". He was invested with the powers specified in clause 2. section III, of Regulation I of 1824. The office was abolished on the 14th March 1857. The records are :—

Letters received by the Railway Commissioner from Government, 1850—1852 ...	1 vol.	$4\frac{WC}{1}$
" General Letter book " or Copy book of letters issued by the Railway Commissioner to various offices, with an index, 1850-1857. Aug. 1851 to July 1852 missing.	12 vols.	

SECTION IV.

MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT.

(a) Proceedings and reports.

Proceedings on the Salt Khalaris in the 24-Parganas of Messrs. David Anderson and William Young, appointed by order of the Revenue Board of the whole Council, 17 Dec. 1774—6 Feb. 1775	1 vol. ...	$1\frac{WL}{1}$
Proceedings of the Committees appointed on several occasions by the Governor-General in Council to enquire into complaints, 4 Mar.—21 July 1775 ; and separate proceedings of the Governor-General in Council of 1 September 1775 relating to the parganas of Panjra and Apail in Dinajpur ...	1 vol.	
An abstract of the above two volumes is contained in Press List, series I, vol. IV (1917).		
Proceedings of Mr. Jonathan Duncan deputed in the capacity of a Commissioner by a letter dated 30 Dec. 1777 of the Governor-General in Council to examine into and finally to decide upon all the disputes existing in Sandwip, 1778—79, with an index	1 vol.	
Proceedings of the Commissioners appointed by a letter dated 12 Mar. 1788 of the Governor-General in Council to make enquiries and investigations relating to the state of Rangpur, Kuch Bihar and Rubrampur, 30 Apr.—10 Nov. 1788	1 vol.	
Fifth Report of the Select Committee of the House of Commons on the affairs of the East India Company, London, 1812, printed	1 vol.	
Revenue Department—Draft orders ...	1 bundle ...	$2\frac{F}{B7}$
Contains draft orders issued by the Secretary in the Revenue Department, and Judicial and Revenue Departments written together, relating to Bengal and the Ceded and Conquered Provinces on various dates from 1776 to 1843 ; some printed copies of letters received and issued by the Revenue Department from 1845—54 ; and some miscellaneous letters, drafts and extracts.		

(b) Accounts and registers relating to lands and land revenue.

Account of the Izaradars and Ihtimamdars of the 24-Parganas showing the annual rents for the year 1758	1 vol. ...	$1\frac{WM}{1}$

Monthly treasury accounts of Subah Behar, 11 Jan.—29 Dec. 1769	1 vol. ...	1 WM/1
Accounts of the land revenue of Behar, 1765—85	1 vol.	
Tauzi account of the Huzuri Mahals, 1785—86	1 vol.	
Settlement accounts and kistbandi of several districts of Bengal and Behar, viz.:—		
1772—73	1 vol.	
1773—74	2 vols.	
1777—78	1 vol.	
1777—79	1 vol.	
1778—79	1 vol.	
Five years' settlement accounts of Bengal and Behar, 1772—1777	1 vol.	
Accounts showing the revenues of the Diwani, (Subah Bengal), Ceded lands and Subah Behar for the year 1779—80, compiled from the Revenue Books, from the Khalsa records and from the monthly accounts of the Provincial Councils, dated 30 Apr. 1781	1 vol.	
The accounts are signed by Warren Hastings and Edward Wheler. This is an office-copy of the account forwarded to the Court of Directors in the Reveuue Department General Letter to the Court dated 5 May 1781.		
Accounts of the Bazi Zamin or alienated lands of :—		
Vishnupur	54 vols. ...	1 WM/2
Mahishadal and its dependencies ...	1 vol.	
Birbhum	3 vols.	
Register of lands resumed from persons to whom sanads were granted by the Bazi Zamin Daftar in Chakla Jellasore, 1784-85	1 vol.	
Register of Birbhum Bazi Zamin lands ...	1 vol.	
Miscellaneous Land Revenue Accounts (1774—76)	1 vol. ...	1 WM/1
This volume contains copies of statements of accounts submitted by various districts of Bengal and Behar, *e.g.*, Jama wasil baki, settlement and kistbandi ; account kistbandi ; statement of collections, etc., (*see* Press List—series I, vol. V.)		
Revenues of Bengal and Behar for the Bengal year 1181 or Behar year 1182, English style 1774—75	1 vol.	

This is the title of a volume which contains a general statement of the revenues for the "Dewanny, Ceded Lands and Subah Behar" arranged by divisions and districts; abstract of charges on the gross collections; explanation of deductions and abatements from the rent-roll; remarks on the balances in arrears; and general abstract of the receipts of revenue. It is signed by the Accountant-General to the Revenue Department, January 1776.

Miscellaneous Revenue accounts from Jan. 1775-Jan. 1788 (not continuous) ...	10 vols. ...	1 WM/2

Hast-o-bud and Revenue accounts of :—

Birbhum, Vishnupur, Bhagalpur, Chittagong, Calcutta, Dacca, Fatehsingh, Hijili, Hooghly and Hatinda districts, from 1179—83 B.S. or 1772—76 A. D. ...	1 vol. ...	1 WM/1
Jahangirpur, Jessore, Khas Taluks, Lashkarpur, Mahmudshahi, Mysadal (Mahishadal), Midnapur, and Nadia districts from 1179—83 B.S. or 1772—76 A.D ...	1 vol.	
Purnea, 24-Parganas, Pachete, Rajshahi, Rokanpur, Rangpur, Rajmahal, Saidpur and Sujamutha districts, from 1179—83 B.S. or 1772—76 A. D.	1 vol.	
Jama Wasil baki for the 10 years from 1174-83 B. S. (1767-76 A. D.) and comparative statement of the jama for nine years prior to 1183 B. S. (1776 A. D.) of Burdwan, Bhagalpur, Calcutta, Chittagong, Dacca, Dinajpur, Jangal Tarai, Murshidabad, Ramgarh and Patchoutrah (Government Customs)	1 vol.	
Register showing the establishment and other charges of the Khalsa, the several Collectorates and the Revenue Department of Government, 1772-73	1 vol.	
Statement showing the pay of the establishment employed in collecting the revenues and other expenses chargeable on the revenues of the districts of Bengal (including the Khalsa) and Behar, 1778-79 ...	1 vol.	
General registers of malguzari mahals showing the names of parganas, mahals and malguzars, amount of jama, management, partitions, decrees and details of encumbrances	24 vols. ...	1 WL/2

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These are incomplete draft registers.		
General Registers of Lakhiraj mahals for several parganas of Hijili and Midnapur ...	2 vols. ...	$1\frac{\text{WL}}{2}$
The registers are incomplete, the names of the maujas are given but the other columns are blank. (As regards the nature of the above two items and the circumstances of their preparation *see* the Presidency Committee of Records, pages 79—80).		
Abstract showing the amount of mal, chakaran and sayer jama of Hooghly; including the amount of the jama of estates transcribed from the jama wasil baki of 1821	1 vol.	
Signed by W. Godfrey Smith, Registrar, Presidency Committee of Records.		
Drafts of letters addressed by the Revenue Department to the Revenue Accountant and the Civil Auditor in 1842	1 vol.	
For other miscellaneous records relating to land revenue, *see* under Board of Revenue (page 111—14)		

JUDICIAL DEPARTMENT.

Book of Circular orders, 1795—1824 ...	1 vol. ...	$2\frac{\text{WD}}{4}$
Report to the Sadar Diwani Adalat under Reg. VIII of 1806 of a Commission appointed to investigate charges brought by Mr. Hawkins, Judge of the Provincial Court of Appeal and Circuit, against Mr. Barton, Collector of Benares, 1811 ...	1 vol.	
Proceedings of the Governor-General in Council, 18 Apr. 1812 on the appeal made by the Raja of Cherical (Karikal) against the decree of the Sadar Adalat at Fort St. George in the case of the Bibi of Cannanore in Malabar *v.* the Raja of Cherical	8 vols.	
Six of the volumes are duplicates.		
Books containing the oaths taken and signed by Government servants on appointment, 7 Apr. 1803—29 Nov. 1832	3 vols.	

List of causes in which Government or Government officers were parties, decided by or pending in the Sadar Diwani Adalat; the Provincial Courts of Appeal and Circuit for the divisions of Calcutta, Dacca, Murshidabad, Patna, Benares and Bareilly; and the Zilla, City and other courts of the Lower, Western and Upper Provinces, 1 Jan. 1816—1 Jan. 1820	1 vol. ...	$2\frac{WD}{4}$
Abstract report of regular and summary causes decided by the Provincial Courts of Appeal and Circuit for the divisions of Calcutta, Dacca, Murshidabad, Patna, Benares and Bareilly, Jan. 1820 to Dec. 1827	4 vols.	
Draft orders, Judicial (Civil), 1823—1838 ...	14 bundles	$2\frac{E}{A5, B5}$
These bundles contain drafts of letters issued by the Secretary, Judicial Department, from Aug. 1823 to June 1838 with the exception of the years 1829 and 1837, for which there are no papers. They relate to the Lower Provinces, a few belonging to the Lower and Western Provinces.		
Draft orders, Judicial (Criminal), 1823—1838	19 bundles.	
These contain drafts of letters issued by the Secretary of the Judicial Department from Jan. 1823—Dec. 1838, with the exception of the years 1829 and 1837 for which there are no papers. Most relate to the Lower Provinces. A few relate to both Lower and Western Provinces.		
Register containing copies of the opinions given by the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs during 1816-17 on civil suits	1 vol. ...	$2\frac{WD}{4}$
This office was created by Reg. VIII of 1816.		
Copy book of letters issued by the Superintendent and Remembrancer of Legal Affairs to various offices, 1826—27 with an index ...	1 vol.	
Cash account of the Provincial Court of Appeal and Circuit for Dacca Division, 1801.	1 vol.	
The accounts were sent to the Judicial Department by Shearman Bird, Second Judge, with his letter dated 9 May 1801.		

Resolution of the Court of Nizamat Adalat on the half-yearly statements of Civil and Criminal prisoners in the jails of the several regulation and extra-regulation districts under the control of the Court for the first and second six months of 1842, including the statements with the orders of the Deputy Governor appended ; also similar statements for 1843—49, printed ... ... 1 vol. ... $2\frac{WD}{4}$

Appointment orders, 1839—1849.

Orders by the Deputy Governor and Governor of Bengal in the Judicial and Revenue Departments regarding the appointment, leave and transfer of officers 3 vols.

Civil List, showing the distribution of officers by districts in Bengal and Behar ; together with a list of subdivisions, thanas and chaukis, etc., 1852 ... ... 1 vol.

Register arranged alphabetically by districts showing the dates on which Government officers delivered and received charge, 1850—53 ... ... 1 vol.

Register of the contingent charges of the Secretary's office, Jan. 1849—Aug. 1856 ... 1 vol.

VARIOUS GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTS.

Extracts from the proceedings of several departments of the Supreme Council and from letters of the Court of Directors, 1772—1784 1 vol. ... $4\frac{WJ}{1}$

The extracts are alphabetically arranged under heads such as Accounts, All offices, Board of Inspection, Board of Trade, Chartered ships, Council, Customs, Supreme Court, etc., upto Trade (incomplete).

Miscellaneous correspondence, 1781—1858 2 bundles ... $4\frac{WK}{2}$

These contain correspondence with enclosures, copies of letters and draft letters, etc., on various subjects belonging to the following departments for the periods noted :—

Political Department ...	1815—33.
Revenue ,, ...	1781—1845.
Judicial ,, ...	1796—1858.
Territorial ,, ...	1813—29.
Public Works ,, ...	1843, 1855—58.

The papers have been arranged chronologically under each department and a printed abstract with an index has been prepared.

General abstract of the monthly bill books of the assistants employed in the Revenue and Judicial Departments, 1798—1831 ...	4 vols. ...	$4\frac{WJ}{1}$
Abstract of bills for the establishments in several departments, 1825—34	1 vol.	
Civil establishment, or an account of the expenses appertaining to the Civil Departments, subdivided into General, Judicial, Revenue, Salt, Opium and Marine Branches under the Bengal Government, 1815—58 ...	102 vols. ...	$4\frac{WJ}{1-4}$
Register, prepared by the Civil Auditor, of Covenanted Civil Servants on the Bengal establishment on different dates from 1 May 1809 to 1 May 1843	54 vols. ...	$4\frac{WJ}{4}$ to $4\frac{WK}{1}$
Subordinate Executive Service—a printed list of officers up to 1864	1 vol. ...	$4\frac{WK}{1}$
Abstract of English petitions submitted to Government in various departments, 6 Apr. 1833—23 Dec. 1843	11 vols.	
Register of pensions and allowances, 1 May 1843	1 vol.	

Contains abstracts of pensions, etc., in the Political, General, Revenue and Opium Departments, signed by the Civil Auditor. The following are included under Political Department—The Bhopal Agency, Lucknow Agency, Manipur Agency, Mysore Princes' allowance, Nagpur Residency, Nizamat Treaty pensions and stipends at Murshidabad. The following heads are included under General Department:—Agent to the Governor-General under Regulation 13 of 1833, Malacca Residency, Prince of Wales Islands, Singapore Residency, Tour Commissioner.

Copy book of letters addressed to the Government of Agra, by the Governor of Bengal, 25 Nov. 1834—Dec. 1840 (incomplete)	1 vol. ...	$4\frac{WK}{1}$
Copy book of circular letters issued by the Commissioner of Agra Division to the Collector and Deputy Collector of Agra, Jan.—Dec. 1840	1 vol.	

Copy of a minute by the Governor-General in the Revenue Department regarding the arrangements to be adopted for the settlement and survey of the Western Provinces and also copies of correspondence between Government, the Sadar Board of Revenue, Allahabad, and the Commissioner and Collector of Agra, 1832—40	1 vol. ...	4 WK/1
Copies of letters to Captains of His Majesty's ships, from 17 Jan. 1812 to 7 Dec. 1842 issued by the Commercial, Public and General Departments	1 vol.	
The subjects of the letters are the safe conveyance of the Company's ships and cargo to Europe; the survey of the coast of Arakan and Tennaserim; the suppression of the Malay piracy in the straits of Malacca; the hydrography of the Bay of Bengal, etc.		
Copies of office-notes and the orders passed by officers relating to the business of the Judicial, Revenue, General, etc., Departments, 1851	1 vol. ...	4 WK/2

Office Lists of Records.

Old registers containing lists of indexes, numbers of proceedings volumes, dates of consultation and numbers of documents relating to the records of the following departments :—

Controlling Committee of Revenue, Revenue Board of the whole Council, Revenue and Territorial, 1771—1872, Presidency Committee of Records, 1820—28 ...	1 vol. ...	4 WK/2
Judicial (including Civil and Criminal, also Board of Revenue—Judicial), 1790—1841	1 vol.	
Judicial, Criminal, 1837—41; Judicial, 1841—79	1 vol.	
Separate and Miscellaneous Revenue, 1834—65 (printed)	1 vol.	
General, 1834—65; Education, 1842—65 and Ecclesiastical, 1834—65 (printed) ...	1 vol.	
Political, 1834—88	1 vol.	

Miscellaneous records relating to Commerce, Customs, Salt and Opium.

Copy book of letters issued by the Resident at Boalia, 1832	1 vol. ...	6 $\frac{32}{4B}$
Register containing copies of orders issued by the Board of Trade to the Commanders of ships to receive certain packages for England, 1815—16	1 vol.	
Cash account of the Government Custom House, Murshidabad, May 1781—Apr. 1787	1 vol.	
Copy of Finance Committee's report dated 15 Jan. 1809 regarding the revision of the rules for the collection of customs and town duties in Bengal and the Ceded and Conquered Provinces	2 vols.	
These are 2 copies of the same report.		
Original consultations of the Committee for the revision of the Customs Regulations, Aug. 1817-Apr. 1819	1 bundle.	
Proceedings, Aug. 1817—Dec. 1818 ...	1 vol.	
This Committee was appointed by a Territorial Department order of 13 June 1817 and was abolished in Apr. 1819. It was ordered at the same time that its records should be made over to the newly constituted Board of Customs, Salt and Opium.		
Copies of correspondence between the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium and other bodies relating to Customs, 1836 ...	1 vol.	
Copies, drafts and originals of letters to and from the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium, 1832—42	1 vol.	
Office orders of the Secretary to the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium, 1828—41 ...	1 vol.	
Report of the Committee appointed by the Governor-General in Council on 22 Sep. 1818 to enquire into the subject of khalari rents and fuel lands of the Salt Agencies of Bhulua, Chittagong and the 24-Parganas, together with enclosures	2 vols.	

These are 2 copies of the same report, one with a forwarding letter from Government to the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium and the other with a forwarding letter from the Board to the Salt Agent of the 24-Parganas. The latter volume also contains a copy of the Government resolution and certain statements of suspended khalari rents in several districts.

Accounts of khalari Rents, 1190—1226 B. S. English style 1783-84 to 1820-21 ...	1 vol.	...	6 $\frac{32}{4B}$

These are accounts of several districts of Bengal submitted from time to time by the Salt Agents.

Register showing money deposited on account of Salt with the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium and the Board of Revenue, 1842—58	1 vol.		
Daily report book of Mr. W. A. Smelt, an assistant employed in the Calcutta Opium godown for the treatment of Behar Opium, together with the orders thereon of Dr. Eatwell, Principal of the Medical College, Sep. 1857—Mar. 1858	1 vol.		
Office Lists of records. viz			
Commerce, 1778—1852	2 vols.		
Customs, 1793—1870	1 vol.		
Salt, 1790—1875	1 vol.		
Opium, 1793—1895.	1 vol.		

These are lists apparently prepared in the office of the Board of Revenue some years ago showing the records belonging to the Board of Trade, Board of Customs, Salt and Opium and Board of Revenue. They are arranged under the heads, Commerce, Customs, Salt, Opium and relate to the above mentioned periods.

BOARD OF REVENUE.

(a) Office records.

Register showing the establishment and other charges of the Board of Revenue, the Khalsa and the several Collectorates defrayed from the Khalsa Treasury, 1786...	1 vol.	...	4 $\frac{WA}{2}$

Secretary's order book or copy book of letters issued to various authorities, *e.g.*, Commissioners of Divisions and District Collectors by the Secretary and the Head Assistant to the Board of Revenue, 1786—1832	52 vols. ...	4 WA / 2—3
(Vols. for 1797, July to Dec. 1798, 1802—3 and 1805—12, missing.)		
List of records transmitted by the Collector of Benares to the Board of Revenue, 1788—96	1 vol. ...	4 WA / 3
This is a list of the proceedings of the Resident at Benares. It was prepared and forwarded to the Board with the Collector's letter of 20 June 1804, as the Board had complained of the confused state of the records.		
Regulations for the guidance of the Board of Revenue passed by the Governor-General in Council on 25 Apr. 1788 (afterwards enacted as Reg. II of 1793) and extracts from letters and proceedings chiefly on revenue matters, 1788—1813 ...	1 vol.	
Salary receipt book or Register showing the names and salary of the establishment of the office of the Board of Revenue, 1793—1836	4 vols.	
Establishment book or Register containing copies of salary bills of the establishment of the office of the Board of Revenue, 1794, 1797, 1800, 1807—54	10 vols.	
Establishment register or statements showing the establishment of the office of the Board of Revenue and of subordinate offices and Collectorates in several districts with an abstract, 1803 and 1804	2 vols.	
(The volume for 1804 contains the establishment list of the Ceded districts as well).		
Sale Security Register or Register containing names and nature of sureties for stamp-vendors, sarkars, farmers of taluks and officers under the Board and Collectors, 1803—29	1 vol.	
Secretary's book of standing office orders, 1818—46	1 vol.	
Despatch book or Register of letters issued by the Board of Revenue, 1814—58 ...	77 vols. ...	4 WA / 3—4 to 4 WB / 1
Copy book of circulars issued by the Board of Revenue, 1821—33	3 vols. ...	4 WB / 1

Notes and minutes by the Secretary and the members of the Board, drafts of letters from the Secretary to Commissioners and other authorities, copies of letters to and from various officers, etc., 1822, 1830-36 ...	4 vols.	...	4 WB/1
Receipt books or Registers of letters received by the Board of Revenue from several authorities, arranged alphabetically under certain heads, 1823—58	59 vols.	...	4 WB/1—2
Note-book of particular cases, *i.e.*, Board's office note-book or memo. book containing references to important cases on various subjects, with an index, 1831—50 ...	2 vols.	...	4 WB/2
"Lay books" or registers of letters laid before the officers of the Board of Revenue, together with references to the consultations, 1836—43	5 vols.		
"Board books" or registers, with an index, containing abstracts of letters placed before the Sadar Board of Revenue with their notes of discussion thereon, 1836—59 ...	10 vols.		
(Volume I contains standing orders for the conduct of discussions by the Sadar Board of Revenue).			
Register of letters received by the Board of Revenue from several authorities, 1836—57	129 vols.	...	4 WB/2—3
"Number books" or registers containing lists showing the number of original consultations for each date, 1837—58 ...	22 vols.	...	4 WB/3

Quarterly index to the revenue correspondence of Commissioners with their Collectors :—

Alipore Division	...	1829—34	1 vol.	...	4 WB/4
Bhagalpur Division	...	1829—35	1 vol.		
Boalia Division	...	1829—33	2 vols.		
Burdwan Division	...	1829—34	1 vol.		
Cuttack Division	...	1828—35	2 vols.		
Chittagong Division	...	1829—34	1 vol.		
Dacca Division ...	...	1829—34	2 vols.		
Murshidabad Division	...	1829—34	1 vol.		
Patna Division ...	...	1829—34	2 vols.		
Saran Division ...	...	1829—32	1 vol.		

Under Government order dated 28 Apr 1829 and the Board's circular order dated 8 May 1829, Commissioners of Divisions submitted to the Board quarterly indexes of their revenue correspondence. These give briefly the substance of the correspondence between them and their Collectors. The submission of these indexes was discontinued on the recommendation of the Committee appointed by Government order dated 10 May 1836 to revise the periodical returns in use in the Revenue Department.

Old register containing lists of records of several branches of the Board of Revenue and other authorities prepared apparently for office use, 1767—1800	1 vol. ...	4 WB/4
Lists of Records, 1786—1850	5 vols.	

These are lists apparently prepared in the office of the Board of Revenue showing the bundles of Land Revenue and Miscellaneous Consultations with details of the consultations in each bundle.

(b) Registers, etc., relating to lands and land revenue.

Copies of accounts showing the alteration of jama in several parganas, 1772—87 ...	1 vol. ...	4 WB/4

The parganas are apparently in Murshidabad. On the first page is written "account accompanying the Murshidabad report." It is not known what this report is.

Revenue account or account settlement, *i.e.*, register containing settlement, kistbandi, general jama-wasil-baki accounts, etc., of the following districts :—

Murshidabad, Birbhum, Ramgarh, etc., 1194 B. S. or 1786—87	1 vol.
Bengal and Behar, 1786—89	2 vols.
Rajshahi, 1789—90	1 vol.
Jessore, 1789—90	1 vol.
Rajmahal, 1789—90	1 vol.
Bellea (Beliya) and Mulkey (Malki), (Monghyr district) 1800 and 1804 ...	1 vol.
Comparative statement of the adjustment of decennial assessment and the jama for the year 1196 Fasli of Zilla Midnapore ...	1 vol.

It is an enclosure of a letter dated Feb. 1794 from the Collector of Midnapore and is marked appendix 9 to the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous Consultation of 25 Feb. 1794.

Survey of parganas in Midnapore or Register containing accounts of the survey of 12 parganas in Midnapore with genealogy and succession of the zamindars, 1788	1 vol. ...	4 WB/4

It is an enclosure of the Collector's letter of 19 Mar. 1788 and is marked no "37 separate" of the Board of Revenue, Miscellaneous Consultation of 21 May 1789, No. 19.

Register of receipts granted by the Collector of Murshidabad for the revenues of several taluks for 1194 B. S. or 1787—88 ...	1 vol.	

Decennial settlement accounts submitted by Collectors relating to :—

Saran and Champaran, 1790—99 ...	1 vol.	
Mymensingh, 1791—99	1 vol.	
Nadia, 1791—99	1 vol.	
Dacca Jelalpore, 1791—99	8 vols.	
Quinquennial registers of estates paying revenue to Government or Pargana Registers for Tirhoot, 1799 and 1800 ...	2 vols.	

Both volumes have some pages missing at the beginning. The first volume dated Mar. 1799 is signed by the Collector; the second volume dated Jan. 1800 is signed by the Collector and the Judge.

Quinquennial register for Rangpur for 1202 B. S. or 1795—6	2 vols	

Both volumes are signed by the Collector and Judge dated 12 May 1802.

Intermediate mutation register for Rangpur for 1206 B. S. or 1799—1800	1 vol.	

It is signed by the Collector and the Judge.

Account sale, or statements of lands sold for arrears of revenue in the following districts. These are the original statements submitted by the Collectors and bound into volumes :—

Nadia, 1793—1811	2 vols. ...	4 WC/1
Saran and Champaran, 1793—1812 ...	1 vol.	
Jessore, 1793—1813	3 vols.	
Mymensingh, 1793—1813	2 vols.	

Dacca, 1793—1817	...	...	4 vols.	... 4 WC/1
Dinajpur, 1793—1817	...	...	1 vol.	
Tippera, 1794—1807	...	...	1 vol.	
Murshidabad, 1794—1813	...	...	3 vols.	
Shahabad, 1794—1813	...	...	1 vol.	
Midnapore, 1794—1816	...	...	2 vols.	
Burdwan, 1794—1817	...	...	2 vols.	
Chittagong, 1794—1817	...	...	3 vols.	
Rajshahi, 1794—1817	...	...	2 vols.	
Bhagalpur, 1795—1812	...	...	1 vol.	
Rangpur 1795—1815	...	...	1 vol.	
Birbhum 1795—1807	...	...	1 vol.	
Purnea 1796—1813	...	...	1 vol.	
Benares 1797—1809	...	...	1 vol.	
Behar 1798—1813	...	...	1 vol.	
Sylhet 1798—1813	...	...	3 vols.	
Tirhoot 1801—1812	...	...	1 vol.	
24-Parganas 1801-1817	...	...	1 vol.	

Statements of lands proposed for sale for arrears of land revenue submitted by the Collector of the 24-Parganas, 1810—11 — 1 vol.

Statements, submitted by the Collector, of lands put up or ordered to be put up for sale in Birbhum district, 1796—1829, together with a statement of lands sold for arrears of revenue, 1845—46 ... ... 1 vol.

Statements, submitted by the Collectors, of lands sold for arrears of revenue in several districts of Bengal, 1841—42 ... ... 1 vol.

Historical register of Khas Mahals containing accounts of the Khas Mahals with dates of their settlement, etc. It is signed by the Collector :—

Sarkars Saran and Champaran, 1837—38 — 1 vol.
Patna, 1839—40 ... ... 1 vol.

Treasury account of Bakarganj Collectorate, 1838—39 ... ... 1 vol.

Pension Lists or annual registers, prepared by the Civil Auditor, showing the pensions and charitable allowances paid by the Revenue Department at the various collectorates in the Presidency, 1837—57 ... ... 21 vols.

Survey rules or a copy of a report dated 17 Dec. 1842 from the Superintendent of Survey, Behar to the Commissioner of Patna on the system on which survey is conducted in the district, together with remarks of the Board of Revenue, 1842	2 copies ...	4 $\frac{WC}{1}$
Unrecorded miscellaneous papers of the Board of Revenue and other authorities, 1774—1858	6 bundles ...	2 $\frac{F}{B7}$

These bundles contain copies and drafts of letters and statements and notes mostly on revenue matters. They also include some correspondence of the Board of Trade, the Board of Customs, Salt and Opium, and the Abkari Commissioner; and papers relating to the lands of Dum-Dum Cantonment for the period 1795—1837.

Some of the papers bear no date. A printed press-list (with an index) of the contents of the six bundles has been prepared (1919.)

Accounts records.

By a resolution of the Revenue Board of the whole Council dated the 20 October 1772, the office of Accountant-General of the Diwani was created and Mr. C. Croftes was appointed to it. With the constitution of the Board of Revenue in June 1786 the Accountant-General to the Revenue Department also came to be the Accountant-General to the Board of Revenue. Under Government orders dated 25 April 1788 the offices of Accountants to the Revenue and Commercial departments were made subordinate to the Accountant-General and a separate office of Deputy Accountant-General and Accountant to the Board of Revenue was created under the direct control of the Accountant-General. By a circular order of the Board of Revenue dated 30 July 1824, the Collectors were directed to submit certain revenue accounts to this officer and to correspond with him in matters of revenue accounts. Subsequently by a resolution of the Statements Committee of 17 and 19 May 1836 all Collectors and other officers in charge of districts were instructed to transmit regularly all accounts and statements connected with land revenue direct to the Revenue Accountant. The records are:—

(a)—Correspondence.

Letters received by the Accountant from the Government and the Board, 1834—35	1 vol. ...	4 $\frac{WF}{1}$

Letters received by the Accountant, 1839—58	75 vols. ...	4 WF/1—4
(Volumes containing letters 466-752 of 1844—45, missing.)		
MS. Index to letters received, 1840—41 to 1857—58	18 vols. ...	4 WF/4 to 4 WG/1
Drafts of letters issued, 1839—40 to 1858 ...	43 vols. ...	4 WG/1—3
(Volumes containing drafts of letters 1-344 of 1843—44 ; 624-856 of 1844—45 ; 1-261 of 1851—52 and 488-714 of 1853—54, missing.)		
Copy book of letters issued, 1839—40 to 1858	14 vols. ...	4 WG/3
(Volumes for 1848—49 to 1851—52 and 1855—56, missing).		
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